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SIGNIFICANT SILVER INVESTIGATION BY AMERICAN TREASURY

DOLLFUSS MAY DELAY APPEAL

Austro-German Rift Still Acute.

MATTER MAY BE REFERRED TO BIG POWERS

Vienna, To-day.

The Austro-German issue is still doubtful. A communique shows that the Austrian Cabinet has empowered the Chancellor, Dr. Engelbert Dollfuss, to submit the dispute to the League of Nations, but leaves the questions of date and method to his discretion. It also empowers him to take other action.

There is an opinion in some circles that Dr. Dollfuss may submit the matter to the Powers, particularly the signatories of the Four Power Pact.

A message from Geneva states that if Dr. Dollfuss decides to appeal, it is believed most likely that the League will appoint a Committee of Enquiry in accordance with Article 16 of the League Covenant but there is an opinion that he may postpone the appeal indefinitely. — Reuter.

BRITISH POLICY UNCHANGED.

"Safety Of Austria Is Essential."

London, To-day.

The Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, stated in reply to a question in the House of Commons yesterday that His Majesty's Government were watching the situation in Austria with the closest attention adding that the statement of the Government's attitude, as given by him in the House of Commons on December 21, still represents their policy in the matter.

HAI NING STILL STRANDED

Efforts To Move Her Unavailing.

SVALE RETURNS TO HONG KONG

The Coastal steamer Hai Ning of the Douglas Steamship Company, which ran ashore near Swatow late on Saturday evening, is still aground, and, despite all efforts by the s.s. Hai-ching, also of the Douglas fleet, on Sunday afternoon, remains firmly embedded in the sand.

The s.s. Svale of the same line is returning to Hong Kong from the scene of the stranding.

The Kowloon Dock's salvage tug Henry Keavick left Hong Kong yesterday for the scene of the stranding, but although she is in wireless communication with the Dockyard, no news has yet been received from her.

Captain Walker, skipper of the Hai Ning, who was transferred from his vessel to the s.s. Cremer and brought back to Hong Kong, was yesterday admitted to the Kowloon Hospital suffering from suspected typhoid.

Inquiries made this afternoon reveal no change in the condition of Captain Walker. The hospital authorities can make no definite statement at present, but a blood test has been made, and the result will probably be known to-morrow.

\$835,000 TO BUY PURSUIT PLANES FOR CHINA

Railway Employees' Donation For Tea Machines

Nanking, To-day.

The Chinese Ministry of Railways has handed to the National Aviation Reconstruction Committee a sum of \$835,000 for the purchase of 10 pursuit planes from America.

BRITISH TRADE IN MANCHUKUO

Commercial Secretary Transferred.

ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION THROUGH CONSULATES

London, To-day.

The suggestion that a British Trade Commissioner should be appointed to Manchukuo was yesterday made by Capt. A. V. G. Dower, Conservative member for Stockport, in the House of Commons.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, Lt.-Col. D. J. Colville in his reply, recalled that a Commercial Secretary had been appointed in August, 1930, to reside at Harbin, but was transferred to Peking because it was found that his services were more urgently needed elsewhere.

Lt.-Col. Colville said that the British trade interests in Manchukuo were adequately represented by His Majesty's Consular officers, but he fully appreciated the importance of the point raised by Captain Dower, and assured him that the position will be carefully watched. — Reuter.

BRITISH POSTAL REVENUE.

Big Rise In Surplus For Last Fiscal Year.

London, To-day.

The Post Office commercial accounts for the financial year 1932/33 have been presented to Parliament by the Postmaster General.

For the year ended March 31 last Post Office business resulted in a net surplus, after charging interest on capital, of £11,055,717, as compared with £10,631,794 in 1931/32. — British Wireless Service.

STOP PRESS

CAPTURE OF PINGLO REPORTED.

Ninghsia Besieged By Sun Tien-ying.

Peking, To-day.

Chinese advices report that Pinglo a town 33 miles from the city of Ninghsia has been captured by the troops of General Sun Tien-ying, who killed the commander of the defenders and 4,000 of the garrison.

The explosion of a mine near Pinglo is stated to have killed 700 work-people. The invaders have also occupied the chinghsien district near Pinglo.

Some 15,000 of Sun Tien-ying's troops are estimated to be besieging Ninghsia, which is still held by the Provincial troops. — Reuter's Pacific Service.

ENQUIRE LOCATION OF STOCKS

MAY INDICATE FUTURE LEGISLATION

SILVER'S PARALLEL ADVANCE WITH GOLD SINCE LAST OCTOBER

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED THAT THE TREASURY LAST WEEK INVESTIGATED THE AMOUNT OF SILVER HELD BY VARIOUS NEW YORK CITY DEPOSITORS. SOME TRADERS BELIEVE THAT THE INVESTIGATION MIGHT BE PRELIMINARY TO SILVER LEGISLATION SHORTLY.

It is estimated that 111,000,000 ounces are held in New York, although no definite figures are available. Silver has been easier recently due to the lack of a definite legislative outlook.

The United States Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, yesterday said that the Treasury had begun an exhaustive inquiry into the location of all speculative silver stocks in the United States. Mr. Morgenthau refused to reveal the reason or the possible significance of connections with future monetary policy.

"We are trying to collect information as to who holds speculative silver," he said.

Treasury representatives in New York are compiling information from the licensed silver dealers and others.

Mr. Morgenthau called attention to the fact that the silver price, since the gold programme began on October 21, had advanced 20 per cent., closely parallel to the 21 per cent. rise in the gold price.

The Treasury announced that 214,657 ounces of silver had been received for coining up to February 2. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

SILVER RECORDS AVAILABLE.

Metal Exchange Transactions.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1894. Received February 6, 9.20 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

Experts here call attention to the fact that the Treasury could learn the extent of the silver contracts through the records of the National Metal Clearing Association which is connected with the National Metal Exchange which is a branch of the Commodity Exchange.

The latter has declined to make a statement. It could subpoena the records of the Metal Exchange members for the names of industrial traders. It is not known whether this has been done.

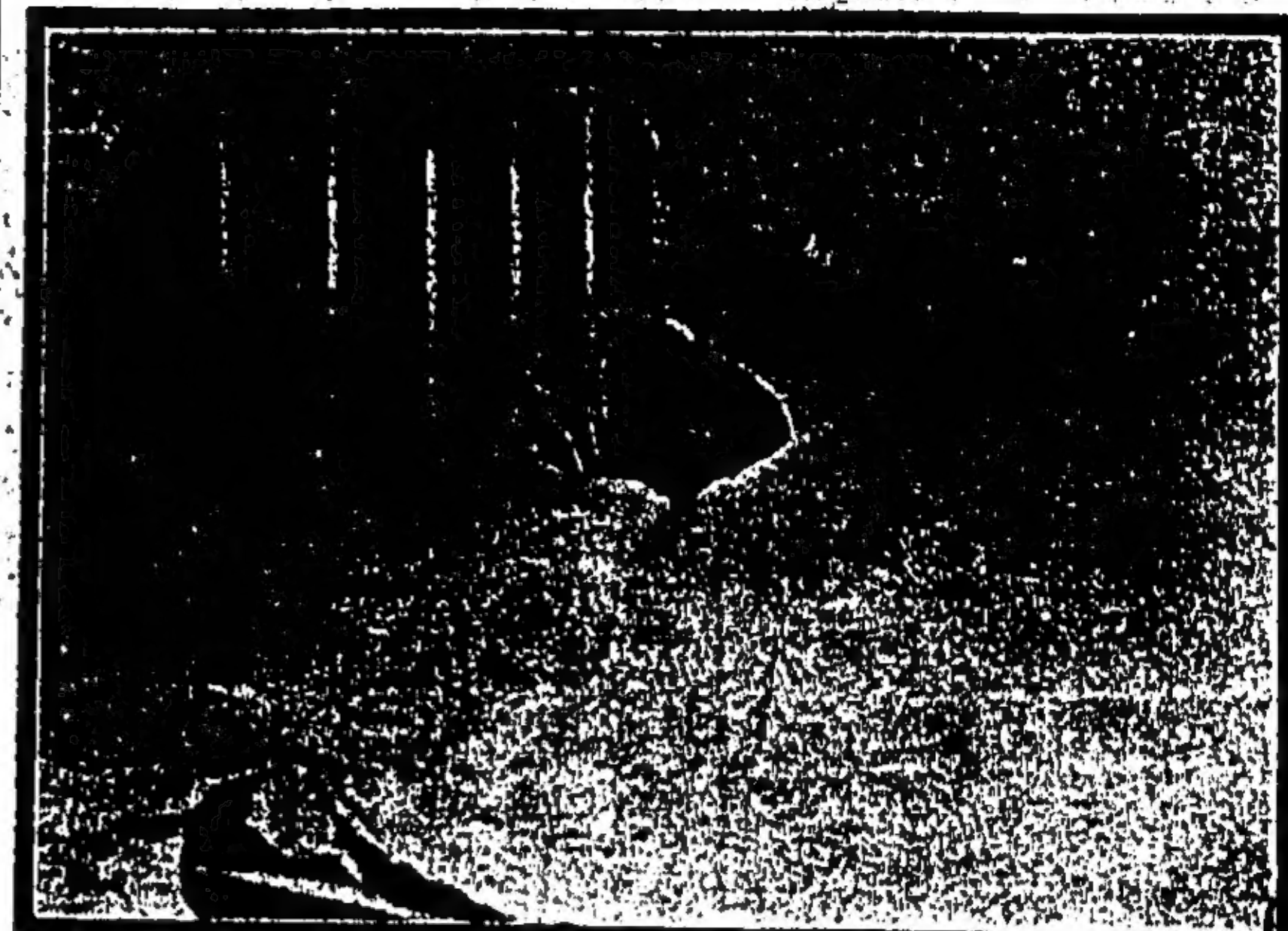
Experts state that many who were forced to surrender gold are now hoarding silver. Many accounts are reported to be large. — United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

New Record Gold Price.

London, To-day.

The price of gold yesterday rose 1/94, to a new high record of £7 an ounce.

A total of about £1,540,000 worth of gold was sold in the London bullion market yesterday. — British Wireless Service.



Serge Alexandre Stavisky, the audacious Russian swindler, who organised the Bayonne bond fraud, on his death-bed at Chamonix, where he was taken after being found shot in a villa near the town. It was officially stated that he committed suicide, but Paris is largely incredulous of this conclusion. — (S. & G.)

EASTERN SIBERIA BENEFITS

Lower Grain Tributes And Higher Wages.

Moscow, To-day.

The salaries of the Red Army troops in parts of Eastern Siberia and Transbaikalia will be raised by a decree signed by M. Stalin and M. Molotov, according to the Tass News agency. The decree also effects a rise of 10 to 30 per cent. in the wages of office workers.

Collective farms and their workers are relieved from obligatory grain deliveries to the State for six years, and individual peasants for three years. The measures are intended to facilitate the labour conditions of the workers and the economic conditions of the settlers in these regions and in the Buriat-Mongolian Republic. — Reuter.

A SHORT REVOLT BY TUNGANS

Chinese Turkestan Fighting.

URUMCHI SURVIVES

Moscow, To-day.

Severe fighting is reported to be raging in Chinese Turkestan between the Provincial troops and an army of Tungans, commanded by General Ma Chung-yn.

General Ma is reported to possess vast supplies of ammunition but he has so far failed to take Urumchi. His troops have suffered heavy losses while Loyalist reinforcements are rushing to support the Urumchi garrison.

The Tungans are reported to be abandoning the revolt and surrendering their arms. — Reuter.

GRIMSBY WIN AT PORT VALE.

Big Step Towards Promotion.

London, To-day.

Grimsbey Town took a big step towards promotion to the premier soccer league yesterday when they beat Port Vale on their own ground by the only goal scored.

Southampton recorded two valuable points as the result of a home win over Swansea by a single goal. The Welsh Club are now third from the foot of the table.

Grimsbey have now established a lead of 7 points over Brentford and 10 over Port Vale after having played the same number of games. — Reuter.

ALARM IN PARIS

30,000 POLICE AND TROOPS AVAILABLE

Many Rumours Of Revolution.

MACHINE-GUNS MOUNTED IN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

Paris, To-day.

The city was full of the wildest alarmist rumours yesterday in which the words "Coup d'Etat" and "Revolution" were freely banded.

Thirty thousand Police, gendarmes and troops are available to quell any violence, though it is improbable that troops will be conspicuous unless the Police are overwhelmed.

According to the Action Francaise, machine-guns are mounted in the Chamber of Deputies itself, but, since traffic is stopped for half a mile round the Chamber, they are not likely to be used.

"If there is a single demonstration, you will be dismissed" is the warning given by the Minister of the Interior to M. Chiappe's successor, M. Sibour, Chief of the Paris Police, and the warning has been passed on to the various Police chiefs. — Reuter.

FRANC DECLINES IN PARIS.

Due To Attacks By Political Party.

Paris, To-day.

The steep rise of dollars and sterling in Paris, yesterday, did not result from the fundamental weakness of the franc, according to impartial observers, who deduce from the fact that forward premiums on sterling rose to 60 centimes for one month and to 1 franc 60 centimes for three months, that the market was manipulated from the outset by opponents of the Socialist Party who are seeking to discredit it.

The price of gold in London no longer responds to true parity with the franc rate, as few operators can undertake to ship gold owing to the unknown factor constituted by the sterling rate.

Technical difficulties of shipping gold freely from Paris is also responsible for the rise in sterling, as gold shipments cannot sufficiently compensate the demands for sterling. — Reuter.

GERMAN-POLISH PEACE PACT.

Satisfaction In Britain.

London, To-day.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, yesterday, regarding the German-Polish Pact of non-aggression, the Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon, said that the two Governments concerned had been informed of the satisfaction with which His Majesty's Government had learned of the conclusion of the Pact. — British Wireless Service.

SOVIET-POLISH RELATIONS

Important View Held In Warsaw.

"NO DISTRUST OF HITLER"

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish Government attached great importance to the development of closer Soviet-Polish relations, stated M. Joseph Beck, the Foreign Minister, in his address to the Foreign Commission of the Senate yesterday.

He said that Poland in no way shared the practically universal distrust in Europe with which Chancellor Hitler's rise to power was greeted.

From the very first, the Polish and German Governments had found a means of treating their problems which would form a basis for working out more permanent relations.

Studies of the Danzig question would doubtless furnish a favourable method of collaboration, he said. — Reuter.

CABINET STUDIES DISARMAMENT.

Debate In Commons On British Note.

London, To-day.

The Cabinet Committee on Disarmament studied the latest phases of the situation yesterday.

To-day Sir John Simon, the Foreign Secretary, will participate in the Commons debate on the recent British memorandum on Disarmament. — British Wireless Service.

BULGARIA'S VIEW OF BALKAN PACT.

League Machinery Preferred.

Sofia, To-day.

Bulgaria's attitude to the Balkan Pact, which was initiated by Greece, Turkey, Rumania and Yugoslavia, on Sunday, has been made known.

It is semi-officially stated that she prefers a pact of non-aggression within the League and in conformity to the Kellogg Pact as the best means of strengthening peace in the Balkans.

Despite the efforts of the signatories, Bulgaria has declined to become a party to the Pact, the text of which has not yet been disclosed. — Reuter.



The WOMAN'S Page



Simplicity The Keynote

Rules For The Smartly Dressed Woman.

HARMONY LIES IN LINES

It may be laid down as a rule that the smartest frock nine times out of ten is the simplest. That doesn't necessarily mean frocks devoid of ornament, or plain to the point of monotony.

The truly simple frock is built around an idea, and every line and detail serves to bring out and emphasize that idea. If these lines, trimmings, it is related to the design in a close necessary way. These lines are harmony in the lines, and an appreciation of the part detail plays.

In every smartly designed frock, there is a centre of interest. It may be the skirt, or the blouse, the neckline, or the shoulders. But if the dress is to be really chic, and effective, it will stress some one feature, and not three or four.

If, for instance, you are buying an evening gown, you will be wise to choose one that concentrates the interest on ray, the bodice, keeping the skirt simple.

Or, if you choose a gown, in which interest is placed on the skirt, you will want to make sure that the bodice is not over-trimmed.

This is a principle that ought to be self-evident, but it is often violated. Yet, it is rather important that women should realize the importance of having just one real point of interest in a costume. When a painter paints a picture, he does this very thing. He consciously or unconsciously selects a point of interest and by skilful use of colour and design, calls one's attention to this point. The woman, who wishes to be smartly dressed, must also abide by this rule.

WOOD HANDBAGS NEW NOVELTY

In Natural Colours

Leather, silk or velvet materials are always popular for flat hand bags, but the very newest novelty, in this line is made of very thin wood.

It has its own natural colour, and the marking is left as an ornamentation.

These bags fasten with a square knob, also of wood, and are lined with a very dashing brown and white checked gingham.

To keep velvet hats in good condition rub them with a piece of velvet the way of the nap.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.



Got Her Goat



For informal street wear, Heather Angel, lovely screen actress, chooses grey shawl, goatish coat, made along simple lines with a slight fullness in the sleeves below the shoulder line. Under it she wears a wool frock. The shawl is made of a grey material resembling fur.

EVENING GOWNS ARE LONG.

Poured-In Silhouette May Score.

The poured-in silhouette, moulded in slimmer lines, is one which looks the most promising for the

Winter Jewellery Trend

Frocks Not Complete Without Necklace.

FOR DAY AND EVENING

This winter women are wearing many jewels. No frock is entirely complete unless it possesses its own particular necklace or clip, designed in stones that match or tone with the colouring of the gown. And this applies as much to day-time dresses as to those designed for evening wear.

Undoubtedly much of the popularity of this vogue is due to the charming jewel arrangements that are designed by the modern jewellers and jewel-craft artists. These gleaming clusters of precious and semi-precious stones in their beautiful settings of white gold or platinum are most attractive, and bestow distinction on both the gown and the wearer, however simple the chosen dress may be.

For many of the newest type of necklaces which offer a marvellous amount of skill is expended in the workmanship. This is seen in a fascinating range of colour from the palest shades to the deeper greens. Green tourmalines are used a great deal, and the sea-green zircon is also used for jewel clusters arranged as clips or as long pendant earrings, and, of course, in necklaces.

coming season. Stiff silks, like faille, taffetas and bengaline, are brilliant examples.

Real evening gowns are long, slenderising, clinging creations that flatter everyone who wears them.

List of Guests at the Peninsula Hotel.

Mr. C. A. Arm tage, Mrs. E. Austen Hofer, Maj. R. A. Bagnold, Mr. H. A. Barnes, Miss A. Bates, Mrs. W. G. Benn, Capt. and Mrs. C. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Bigazzi, Miss H. Binna, Miss H. Binns, Miss M. Blackburn, Col. and Misses Boyd, Miss P. W. Brown, Capt. and Mrs. J. C. Bundred, Mr. B. G. Butler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Cameron, Miss G. M. Campbell, Judge M. Camu, Col. C. Canad, Mr. A. L. Caplan, Miss Carrington, Mrs. J. R. Chadwick, Mrs. E. Cogan, Gen. M. A. Cohen, Mr. and Mrs. E. Collingwood, Mr. S. S. Cook, Mrs. C. H. Crichton, Mr. and Mrs. M. Cunha, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dabelstein, Mr. R. N. Drake, Mr. and Mrs. M. Drummond, Maj. V. E. Duclos, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Easterbrook, Maj. L. Eastwick Field, Mrs. B. Elder, Mrs. E. Feeney, Mr. J. G. Fernandez, Mr. F. A. Firth, Mr. G. E. Frisque, Col. and Mrs. A. M. B. Gage, Mr. L. H. Geare, Mrs. E. Gibb, Mr. L. L. Gilson, Mrs. W. S. Ginn, Mr. O'neal Gordon, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gould, Mr. T. M. Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Guerra, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. A. Guerra, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hall, Brig. G. Rowan Hamilton, Miss M. P. Hammersley, Mr. T. G. Hang, Mr. A. Hanson, Mr. E. Haussamann, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hemrich, Capt. J. L. Henderson, Miss H. M. Hill, Mrs. E. Austen Hofer, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Holland, Mrs. and Miss V. Honigsberg, Mr. E. L. Hostie, Mr. H. A. Howes, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hughes, Mrs. T. Hughes, Lt. Col. and Mrs. H. C. Hull, Dr. A. Nelson Jones, Mr. R. O. F. King, Mr. K. Kornat, Mr. and Mrs. J. Levy, Col. and Mrs. L. C. Lewis, Mr. R. R. Liddell, Miss E. Lipp, Mrs. S. V. Logan, Mrs. Lovegrove, Miss L. R. Mackay, Col. A. C. Marsh, Mrs. D. Mather, Mr. E. J. McGann, Mrs. H. G. McHenry, Mr. W. L. McKenzie, Mr. and Mrs. V. Morgado, Col. J. H. Morris, Mrs. F. Muzzall, Surg. Comd. R. P. Ninnis, Mr. K. F. Nobis, Rev. Fr. O'Carroll, Mr. A. M. Parker, Dr. Peiser, Mrs. M. C. Potts, Miss K. Reid, Mrs. F. C. Reinicke, Capt. T. H. R. Riggs, Capt. and Mrs. E. Robinson, Mr. P. A. H. Rohling, Mr. J. E. Salmon, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sindlinger, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Slade, Mr. E. Grant Smith, Mr. T. Sparshott, Mr. A. V. Stricks, Mrs. K. Thielan, Col. and Mrs. J. H. Thom, Mr. J. J. Thomson, Mr. G. Travers, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. True, Mrs. Marshall Turner, Maj. W. E. Tyndall, Mr. R. E. Watjen, Miss P. Webster, Mrs. L. H. Warren, Miss P. Williams, Mr. A. Williamson, Miss G. M. Wilson, Miss E. Wolnizer, Mr. J. F. Wright, Mr. W. Wright.

Menu Suggestions For To-morrow

TIFFIN

Stuffed Cucumbers
Tomatoes au Gratin
Boiled Chicken with Macaroni
Grated Cheese
Lemon Souffle
Lemon Custard Sauce

DINNER

French Lentil Soup
Cod a la Maitaise
Pigeons a la Godard
Veal Salad
Raisin Dumplings
Melted Butter Sauce
Stuffed Cucumbers

Select large cucumbers and cut them into pieces about 2 1/2 inches long. Take out the centre with a cutter, and fill them with sausage meat. Braise the cucumbers slowly for about 20 minutes. Dress on croutons of fried bread brushed over with freshly made glaze. Have some round pieces of ham and put on as lids, and pour brown sauce round. A few tomatoes au gratin placed round the dish will greatly add to the appearance of this entrée.

Lemon Souffle

1 oz. butter, 1 oz. flour, 1 gill milk, 3 eggs, 1/2 lemon; and about 1/4 oz. sugar. Melt the butter, stir in the flour, when blended add the milk, sugar, the lemon rind grated, and stir until boiling. Remove from above, beat in the yolks of eggs, whisk the whites of the eggs to a stiff froth, and stir lightly in. Pour the mixture into a well-greased plain mould and steam very slowly for about 40 minutes. Turn on to a hot dish and pour round the base a lemon flavoured custard sauce.

French Lentil Soup

1/2 pint soaked lentils, 1 gill white haricot beans, 2 quarts stock, 3 oz. butter, 1 bouquet of garni, 1 gill cream, a handful of fried bread croutons, a pinch powdered mint, pepper and salt to taste. Drain the lentils, put them with the haricot beans in a stewpan with the butter and the bouquet of herbs, fry a little, moisten with the stock, and cook until the lentils and beans are tender. Take out the bouquet, rub through a sieve, return to the stewpan, add the cream and mint, season to taste, heat up (but do not let it boil), put the peas and croutons in a soup tureen, pour in the soup and serve.

Cod a la Maitaise

About 2 1/2 lb. codfish (middled), 1/2 pint velouté sauce, 1 gill white wine, 2 small shallots (chopped fine), 1 gill white stock, 2 oz. butter, 2 yolks of eggs, 1 teaspoon anchovy paste, 2 teaspoonfuls capers, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, 1 small bunch parsley and herbs (bouquet garni). Wash and wipe the fish well, place it in a stewpan, season with pepper and salt and add velouté sauce, white wine, stock, chopped shallots, and bouquet garni. Simmer slowly until the fish is done, basting occasionally. Put the fish on a dish and keep warm. Reduce the sauce until you obtain the desired consistency. Remove the herbs, add the yolks of eggs, work in the butter, and pass through a sieve. Return

to saucepan, add the anchovy paste, chopped parsley and capers, stir a few minutes and pour over fish.

Pigeons a la Godard

Bone 2 or more pigeons. Prepare a forcement of veal and pork, well season and stuff the birds with this. Trim the pigeons, braise them with some pieces of carrot, onion, bacon and herbs and a little sherry and when ready cut them into slices and dish up on a hot dish. Pour over a rich supreme sauce flavoured with some of the liquid obtained from braising the pigeons. Garnish with button mushrooms. Serve hot. It is advisable to dress the pigeons on croutons of fried bread.

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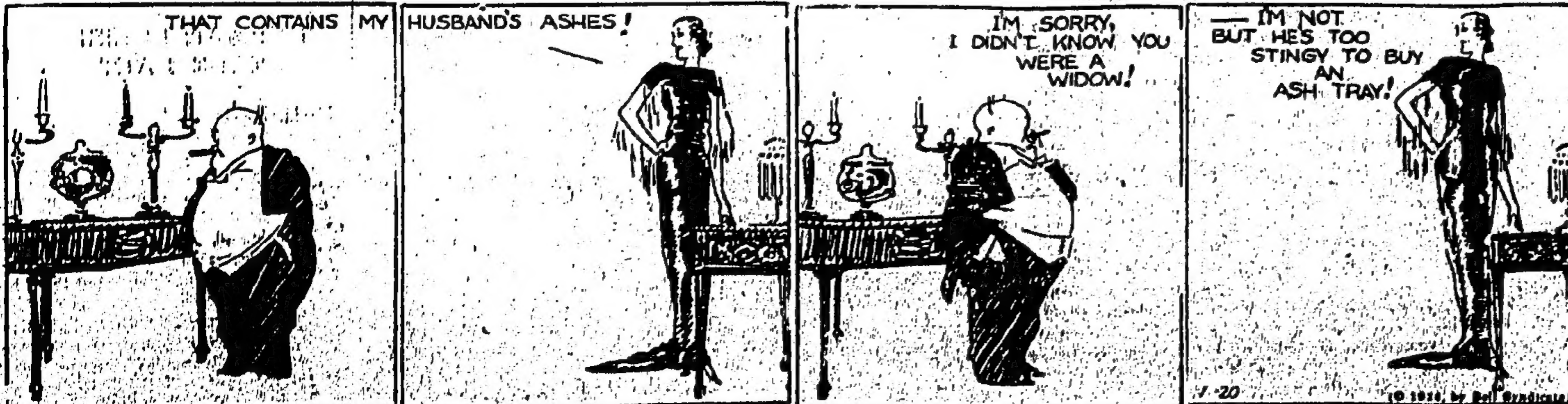
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MISCELLANEOUS

REMOVAL—Sedick Silk Store 12B, Ice House Street has moved to a more commodious place at 38, Queen's Road Central under new name PREMIER SILK PALACE.

FOR SALE.

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COMPANY MEETINGS

THE "STAR" FERRY CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 8th February, 1934, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 31st January, 1934 to Thursday, the 8th February, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

F. H. CHAPPELL,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 24th January, 1934.

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong on MONDAY, the 12th February, 1934, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 30th January to MONDAY, 12th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1934.

THE BANK OF EAST ASIA, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company No. 12, Des Voeux Road Central, at 2.30 p.m. SATURDAY, the 10th February, 1934, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1933.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 3rd February to SATURDAY, 10th February, 1934, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors, KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager, Hong Kong, 23rd January, 1934.

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The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 12th February to SATURDAY, the 24th February 1934 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

V. M. GRAYBURN,

Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 5th February 1934.

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The hand below was played by Mr. Samuel Fry, Jr., of New York City, in the All-American Pair Championships held at Hanover, N.H., last month.

North, Dealer.

Both sides vulnerable:

NORTH:

S.—K 9 8 4

H.—K 7

D.—5 4 2

C.—A K 6 3

EAST:

S.—5 3 2

H.—J 4

D.—K J 8

C.—9 8 5 4 2

SOUTH:

S.—A Q 10 6

H.—Q 9 8 6

D.—Q 3

C.—Q J 10

WEST:

S.—J 7

H.—A 10 5 3 2

D.—A 10 9 7 6

C.—7

The bidding: (Figure after bid refers to numbered explanatory paragraph.) North East South West 1C Pass 1S Pass 2S Pass 2NT Pass 2S Pass 2NT (1) Pass Pass

he decided to gamble for a top by not playing the hand at the suit declaration.

West had no way of choosing between his two five-card suits for an Open lead and finally decided upon his fourth-best heart. Before playing a card from Dummy, Declarer took stock of the situation. He saw that if West held the Ace of hearts, or even if East held it and did not immediately shift, his contract of three notrump was assured, unless the spade suit broke very disastrously. However, Mr. Fry further saw that the contract of four spades seemed equally certain, and it occurred to him that probably at every other table the hand would be played at that declaration. And, he reflected, the twenty points difference between three notrump and four spades would be more than enough to give him a bottom score on the board.

Therefore the problem was not how to make three notrump, but how to make four notrump and turn a threatening bottom score into a top. With spades and clubs having been bid, it seemed almost certain that if Declarer tried to set up another heart trick in the usual way the opponents would almost automatically shift to diamonds and defeat the contract at least one trick. The only hope, therefore, seemed to be to employ deception and force the unwilling opponents to play into Declarer's own hand.

Accordingly, one the first heart trick Mr. Fry played low from Dummy and, when East played the Knave, won the trick with the Queen, new feeling almost certain that West, the Opening leader, held both the Ace and ten.

Mr. Fry now led the ten of clubs from his own hand, overtook with the King, and immediately led a small diamond from Dummy, employing the old military strategy of putting up a bold front on one's most vulnerable spot.

East, of course, played low on this diamond trick, Declarer playing the Queen and West winning with the Ace. At this point West fell for the ruse, hook line and sinker. He led the Ace and ten of hearts, hoping against hope "that the suit would break, although he suspected that it wouldn't, because if Declarer held only three hearts he would probably have played the King on the first trick. After the ten of hearts was played, West was up against a complete guess as to what to lead next, for, fortunately for Mr. Fry, East could not discard a high diamond on the third round of hearts without sacrificing the setting trick.

West finally decided to lead another heart, knowing Declarer had a high one anyway and deciding to let him guess any possible subsequent. Anxious himself. Of course, after this Mr. Fry had only to take his spade and club tricks to make four notrump. The ruse had worked, and a probable bottom or close to bottom score was turned into a cold top. Naturally, to be successful South had to be aided by imperfect defense, but his method of playing the hand made it most difficult for West to realize the true situation.

CINEMA NOTES

MAIL REVIEW

"THE TORCH SINGER"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

Claudette Colbert, seen here recently in "The Sign of the Cross," is the star in the latest attraction at the Alhambra Theatre, "The Torch Singer."

Miss Colbert plays the part of Mimi Benton, a dangerous and alluring night-club hostess, who, although famous and rich, cannot find happiness without the child she had to give up after her lover had deserted her. The climax of the story is reached when the man, hearing of the existence of the child, returns and begs forgiveness.

Elaborate stage settings of New York night clubs and many luring melodies give added attraction to the story.

The supporting cast includes Ricardo Cortez, David Mannors, Lydia Roberti and Baby Le Roy.

MAIL REVIEW

"HOLD ME TIGHT"—KING'S THEATRE

"Hold Me Tight," the new Fox picture now showing at the King's Theatre, marks the fifth screen appearance of James Dunn and Sally Eilers as a team.

As in previous films such as "Over the Hill," "Dance Team," "Sailor's Luck" and "Bad Girl" these two clever stars give a splendid performance as two lovers. In "Hold Me Tight" they are man and wife, confronted with an unusual problem.

Frank McHugh, June Clyde, Kenneth Thomson and Noel Francis are prominent members of the supporting cast. The picture was directed by David Butler, who was responsible for "Sunny Side Up" and "Delicious."

MAIL REVIEW

"BROADWAY TO HOLLYWOOD"—QUEEN'S THEATRE

A Collection of stage and screen celebrities are united in M-G-M's glittering production "Broadway to Hollywood," which is the current attraction at the Queen's Theatre.

It is a story of three generations of vaudeville players whose history is followed from the era of the "gay nineties" until the family moves to Hollywood's sound stage. Fay Templeton, a brilliant favourite of the old-time Broadway vaudeville, has one of the principal roles in the story, with Barney Fagan and May Robson. The modern stars who appear in the picture include Alice Brady, her in the end.

LEE THEATRE

FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY—A CHINESE PICTURE

TO-MORROW

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"MONTE CARLO MADNESS" (ENGLISH DIALOGUE) A DELIGHTFUL ROMANCE OF A QUEEN WHO RISKED ALL FOR LOVE.

BRITAIN FORGETS HER ARMY

(Continued from Page 8).

In order to give him a seat on the Cabinet. A man who will really interest himself in the welfare and efficiency of the Army, in place of interesting himself in anything and everything outside of it.

During the last fifty years this blank file has been filled only twice, by Lord Cardwell and Lord Haldane, and the time is urgent that it be filled once again. Filled by a man who not only possesses the will and ability to wield the broom, but who possesses so outstanding a personality that he can, as Sir John Moore did 180 years ago, breathe into the ancient dust of our Army a new discipline.

He must realise that doctrines are made for soldiers and not soldiers for doctrines; that though to-day our officers behave like gentlemen to their men, they still lack the courage to behave like men towards each other. The discipline we lack is loyalty to truth—self-criticism and criticism of what we have done and are now doing.

Not to criticise at all and to muzzle every earnest soldier for the maintenance of traditions and for the convenience of a hierarchy, however exalted it may consider itself to be, is the height of arrogance. Such action can only suggest, that in this rapidly changing world the soldier is fully content with things as they are, and as a fighting man is, in fact, a back number.

Jackie Cooper, Jimmy Durante, Frank Morgan, Madge Evans, Eddie Quillan and Russel Hardie.

MAIL REVIEW

"WAY DOWN EAST"—CENTRAL THEATRE

"Way Down East," D. W. Griffith's mighty production of the silent films, featuring Richard Barthelmess and Lillian Gish, now brought back to the screen with sound and music synchronisation, is the current attraction at the Central Theatre.

The picture retains all its former attraction, while the sound and musical accompaniment undoubtedly adds to the effect of the film.

MAIL REVIEW

"SMILIN' THROUGH"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

In "Smilin' Through," now showing at the Oriental Theatre, Norma Shearer returns to romance, supported by a brilliant cast including Fredric March and Leslie Howard.

It is a splendid film both as to beauty of production and acting.

MAIL REVIEW

"ROCKABYE"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

"Rockabye," starring Constance Bennett, stresses the theme of mother love. The heroine adopts a baby, only to have it taken away from her when she is involved in a murder case. Joel McCrea is the young play-wright who attracts Constance, but it is Paul Lukas, the ever-present best friend and admirer, who wins her in the end.

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RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcasted to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2 p.m.—European Programme.

1-2 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report, etc.

1.15-2.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra by courtesy of the management. (During the intervals recorded Music will be broadcast.)

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News.

1.15-2.15 p.m.—H. K. Hotel Relay.

1-1.30 p.m.—Recorded Music

1.30-2 p.m.—Relay from Rotary Club

Tiffin.

2 p.m.—Close Down.

4.30-5.30 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

5.30-6 p.m.—A relay from Davenport of a Song Recital—"A Branch of Arbutus."

6-7 p.m.—Chinese Recorded Programme.

7-7.30 p.m.—A Chinese Shortland Lesson.

7.30-10.30 p.m.—European Programme.

7.30-8 p.m.—The 27th of a series of lessons on Cantonese by the Rev. Mr. H. R. Wells.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report, etc.

8.45-9.45 p.m.—

Sonata in A Major (Gesar Feanck) played by Alfred Cortot and Jacques Thibaud

1st Movement Allegretto ben moderato

2nd movement Allegro

3rd movement Recitative-Fantasia

4th movement Allegretto poco mosso

8.45-9.23 p.m.—

The Entire Musical Numbers of the Mikado (Gilbert & Sullivan) played by the Columbia Light Opera Company.

9.23-9.38 p.m.—

Selections by De Groot and His Orchestra.

(a) Autumn (Chopin)

(b) Traume (Wagner)

9.38-10 p.m.—From the Studio.

Selections by Ramon S. Alberto (Tenor) accompanied by Prof. F. Gonzalez.

1. Queja Pampaera — Argentine Tango — (M. Barajas)

2. Princesita — Spanish Serenade — (M. Padilla)

3. Recorded items (a) Hungarian Dance No. 2 in D Minor (Brahms)

(b) Cavatina (Raff)

4. Arthur Catterall (Violinist).

4. La Colombine — Serenade — (N. Serradell)

5. Nena (L. de Camargo)

6. La Tota (Pepi Dupont)

10.15-11 p.m.—Dance Music.

Box Trick.

There's a Cabin in The Pine

Waltz.

If You Say "Yes" Charlie

Box Trick.

Let the World Go Drifting By

Travels in Paradise

Waltz — A Paradise

Box Trick.

You're An Old Smoothie

Waltz.

Lover of My Dream.

SPORTING Page

POLICE SEEK POSTPONEMENT AGAINST C.B.A. IN MAMAK LEAGUE

HONG KONG FOOTBALL XI ALL READY

Sailing By Comorin For Shanghai On Friday.

TIENTSIN REPUTED WEAK
(BY OUTSIDE LEFT)

The Hong Kong Interport Football team will leave Hong Kong for Shanghai on Friday morning at noon by the P. and O. liner s.s. Comorin. They will arrive in the northern port on Monday morning.

Their first Interport game will be against Shanghai on Wednesday next, and on the Saturday following they meet Tientsin in their second Interport clash.

On Sunday, February 18, several of the Colony players will be selected to represent the Combined Interport XI from Shanghai, Tientsin and Hong Kong against a Combined Chinese XI.

The Tientsin Interport Football team, comprising 13 players, are expected to leave Tientsin for Shanghai on Saturday.

Although nothing definite has been heard of the strength of the Tientsin team, it is rumoured that it will not be as strong as last year because of the regulation deterring more than three servicemen from taking part in the team.

The Tientsin Football Association have arranged for a series of exhibition games or trials with leading Tientsin and Peiping contingents in order to raise funds for the trip.

The last Triangular Interport contest took place in 1930 in Shanghai when the Colony defeated Tientsin by the odd goal in five and lost to Shanghai by 5 goals to 2.

The following is the programme for the Triangular Interport contest in Shanghai:

Wednesday, February 14:
Shanghai v Hong Kong
Thursday, February 15:
Shanghai v Tientsin
Saturday, February 17:
Hong Kong v Tientsin
Sunday, February 18:
Combined Interport XI (selected from Hong Kong, Shanghai and Tientsin) v Combined Shanghai Chinese.

DRAW FOR SHIELD SERIES

S. China To Encounter The Saints.

SHANGHAI AGREE WITH COLONY SUGGESTION

The draw has been made for the semi-final round of the Hong Kong Football Association's Shield Competition to be played on Saturday, February 24. It is as follows:

Senior.
South China v St. Joseph's (Club Ground)
Borderers v Club (Kowloon ground)
Junior.
Club v Navy (Kowloon ground)
S. China "B" v Royal Artillery (Club Ground)

During the P. A. Council meeting yesterday the chairman read the minutes of the meeting of the Appeals Board which considered an appeal against the decision of the Council upholding a previous decision made by the Emergency Committee. The Appeals Board upheld the decision of the Council.

It was announced that a sum of \$500 would be paid to the children's playgrounds committee as profit from the recent charity match arranged for the specific purpose.

It was decided that the revised rules be submitted to an extraordinary general meeting of members of the Association on Thursday, March 15, at the Sport Club, at 5.30 p.m.

A letter from Shanghai was read concerning the forthcoming Interport. The letter stated that the northern team were in agreement with the Hong Kong suggestion that the present holders of the Cup should retain possession of the trophy in the event of two or more teams being for first place.

ARSENAL FAVOURED

LONDONERS TO VISIT MIDDLESBOROUGH

Derby At Home To The Throstles.

NO SCOTTISH LEAGUE GAMES ON SATURDAY

(BY RANGER)

FIRST DIVISION

ASTON V. (4) v Portsmouth (1)
BLACKBURN (1) v Manchester C. (0)
DERBY (2) v W. Bromwich (2)
EVERTON (3) v Liverpool (1)
LEEDS (1) v Birmingham (1)
LIVERPOOL (4) v Sunderland (2)
MIDDLESBOROUGH (3) v ARSENAL (4)
NEWCASTLE (3) v Wednesday (1)
SHEFFIELD U. (1) v HUDDERSFIELD (2)

TOTTENHAM (-) v Chelsea (-)
WOLVES (-) v Stoke (-)

SECOND DIVISION
BLACKPOOL (-) v Millwall (-)
BOLTON (-) v Burnley (-)
BRADFORD C. (1) v Swansea (1)
FULHAM (3) v Bury (3)
HULL (-) v BRENTFORD (-)

MANCHESTER U. (2) v Oldham (0)
Notts F. (3) v GRIMSBY (2)
Plymouth (5) v PRESTON (0)
PORT VALE (4) v Notts C. (0)
SOUTHAMPTON (4) v Lincoln (0)
WEST HAM (2) v Bradford (1)

THIRD DIVISION (South)
Bournemouth (3) v CRYSTAL P. (2)
Bristol C. (5) v LUTON (2)
CARDIFF (1) v Gillingham (0)
CHARLTON (-) v Bristol R. (-)
CLYDE (2) v ALDERSHOT (3)
NEWPORT (3) v TORQUAY (1)
NORWICH (2) v Northampton (0)
QUEEN'S P.R. (1) v Exeter (3)
READING (3) v Coventry (3)
SWINDON (5) v Brighton (1)
WATFORD (2) v Southend (2)

THIRD DIVISION (North)
BARNLEY (-) v Chesterfield (-)
BARROW (2) v Chester (3)
CARLISLE (5) v York (1)
CREWE (4) v New Brighton (0)
DONCASTER (2) v Southport (1)
HALIFAX (2) v Rotherham (1)
HARTFORD (2) v Gateshead (2)
MANSFIELD (1) v Accrington (3)
STOCKPORT (5) v Walsley (0)
THAMESIDE (3) v Rochdale (1)
WREXHAM (3) v Darlington (1)

SCOTTISH LEAGUE

AS Saturday is the date of the Scottish Inter-League game with the English Football League in Scotland, the Scottish League games arranged for Saturday will be played on rearranged dates in terms of the decision of the Management Committee.

SHANGHAI RUGBY XV SELECTED.

Team To Arrive Next Wednesday.

The following players have been selected to represent Shanghai in the Interport Rugby match against Hong Kong.—B. Brind; J. Bowerman; C. J. A. Taylor; W. E. Grieve; I. C. Jenkins and E. Blackwood; H. D. Bidwell and W. E. Tingle; R. D. K. Silby (captain); J. R. Younger; P. J. Poole; J. S. Ritchie; R. T. N. Mackay; G. S. Chambers and J. S. Lee.

Reserve.—W. H. T. Picher.

The team arrive by the Sarpedon on Wednesday February 14, and meet Hong Kong on the following day. They will play the Combined Services on the Saturday and will leave for Shanghai by the General Pershing at midnight.

RECREIO TO VISIT MACAO

The F.A. Council have given the necessary permission to the Club to Recreio to visit Macao during the holidays and play the Portuguese Colony on Wednesday, February 14, at 5.30 p.m.

For the first time an All-Star Australian Chinese football team will invade Shanghai, Hong Kong and Canton during June and July, according to reports from Canton.

Colleen (Mrs. Marsden), Robena (Mrs. Mahally), and Jess (Mrs. Stanton) were the winning trios in yesterday's Ninth Ladies' Championship race.

COLONY XI SHAPE VERY PROMISINGLY

Services Overwhelmed In Hockey Practice.

SINCLAIR AN ABSENTEE

Hollingsworth Does Not Check His Biggest Fank

(By STICKS)

Playing together for the first time the Colony's Interport eleven gave a good indication of their strength when they defeated the United Services at King's Park by 6 goals to 1, after leading by the odd goal in three at the interval.

Lt. Sinclair was an absentee from the pivot position in the selected eleven, being away at sea. His place was taken by H. J. D. Lowe. Kalwant Singh (Radio) filled the vacancy at centre-forward in the Services' team caused by the absence of Lt. Cheyne.

Gurbachan Singh scored four of the six goals, giving a good all-round display, and playing with good understanding with his inside forwards.

Lt. Garthwaite was fast and kept up a neat combination with Lal Singh, the latter being outstanding with his powerful back-stick shots. He played his best game this season, and was frequently in the limelight, initiating many movements which resulted in goals.

Lt. Eaden and Lt. Donald on the right flank were as usual fast and spectacular, the former making many scoring openings.

Lowe Good Understudy

Lowe proved an able substitute for Lt. Sinclair, although not as outstanding as his opposite number, Halford. He, nevertheless, held the Services attack well in hand and received good support from the Reed brothers.

Rodger in the defence was quicker than usual, and his sound play and tackling was one of the features of the game. Rodrigues was also good, clearing strongly when in a tight corner.

Hollingsworth made one or two brilliant saves, but on the whole gave a poor display. He opposed his own forwards in the second half, and again showed an over-tendency to rush the opposing forwards, and in three cases fell at their feet to leave his goal at their mercy. The Services' only goal in the first half was scored in similar manner by Kalwant Singh.

Metcalfe Shines

Lt. Metcalfe, the Services' full-back, was outstanding for his side, while Halford and Lt. Comdr. Hill were also in the limelight. The forwards, however, could not penetrate the strong Colony half-back line, and were too well shadowed by the full-backs to be dangerous.

Gurbachan Singh scored the opening goal early in the game, and Lal Singh added the second, following a neat movement on the right flank by Lt. Eaden and Lt. Donald.

Kalwant Singh broke away just before half-time to net the Services' only goal, Hollingsworth making an unsuccessful dive for the ball.

Fifteen minutes after the start of the second half Gurbachan Singh went through on his own to collide with Hollingsworth for Garthwaite to snap up the ball and score into an empty goal.

The fourth goal was scored from a corner shot, Garthwaite's shot being only partially cleared for Gurbachan Singh to net before the goalkeeper could recover.

The fifth goal was the result of a 25-yard bully. Hollingsworth again left his goal to make an unsuccessful attempt to tackle Gurbachan Singh. The Indian player side-stepped him and scored easily.

Lt. Eaden broke through, as the result of a fine movement to score the sixth with a beautiful shot from an acute angle which had

LT. SINCLAIR MAY NOT PLAY FOR COLONY

It is possible that Lt. Sinclair (H.M.S. Medway), the Colony's centre-half, will be unable to play in the Interport match against Macao on February 14 owing to the uncertain movements of his ship.

Lt. Sinclair is also, suffering from an injury to his ankle sustained in the encounter against Macao on Sunday, and was an absentee from the Colony team yesterday.

LINCOLNS BEAT THE ARGYLLS.

Losers Score First But Beaten 2 To 1.

DETACHMENTS AT HOCKEY

ALTHOUGH scoring first the Argylls Detachment were beaten by the odd goal in three, by the Lincoln Detachment in a friendly hockey match at Shamshulpo yesterday afternoon.

After a blank first half YEO-MAN opened the Argylls account, but just afterwards HOLTON equalised. BARNSEY scored the winning goal for the Lincoln in the closing minutes.

The game was very keenly contested, Yeoman for the Argylls and Bentley and Wilkinson for the Lincoln being the outstanding players.

RIFLE CLUB WIN IN BELILIOS SHIELD.

Mitchell Records 98.

The Hong Kong Rifle Club won their opening match in the Belilios Shield when they defeated the Police Rifle and Revolver Club at Talkoo Range on Sunday by 520.2 to 501.28.

Mitchell, Tetley and Alcock of the winning team recording leading scores of 98, 93 and 91, respectively, as against the high score of 85 by Pennell and Ritchie of the Police.

CLUB MUST TRIUMPH

(Continued from Page 5.)

cause of their extraordinarily weak batting. To score 90 for 9 against the weak K.C.C. attack gives an indication of their deplorable weakness in this department. A. H. Madar, who scored 59 for the Colony in Shanghai, has been forced to play a cautious game, through lack of confidence in his batsmen, and as a result he has totalled only 57 runs in four innings.

Only A. H. Rumjahn, one of the veterans in the game, has stood between the I.R.C. and five defeats to date.

The Club, on the other hand, have a wealth of batting talent, the whole side being capable of scoring a half-century.

MARRIOTT'S "HAT TRICK"

Madras, To-day.
C. S. Marriott, the Kent schoolmaster, had a "hat trick" in his 5 for 43 against Madras yesterday. His effort gave the M.C.C. victory by an innings and 352 runs.—Benter.

Hollingsworth beaten all the way. United Services.—Lt. Comdr. Fletcher (Medway); Sub. Tag Mohamed (Punjab) and Lt. Metcalfe (E. A.); Lt. Comdr. Hill (Medway), C. Halford (S.W.B.) and Dalia Singh (Punjab); Burdett (Cumberland), Heisterington (Cumberland).—Kalwant Singh (Radio), Alaf Din (Punjab) and Lt. Winton (S.W.B.).

Interport XI.—Pte. Hollingsworth (Lincoln); A. M. Rodrigues (United Services); J. Rodger (H.K. Club); H. J. D. Lowe (H.K. Club); E. V. Reed (H.K. Club); Lt. Donald (H.M.S. Medway); Lt. Eaden (H.M.S. Medway); Gurbachan Singh (Radio); Lt. Garthwaite (R.A.); and Lal Singh (Punjab).

Reserves.—R. H. Wong (St. Andrew's) (goal), Blackburn (Police) (back), Kalwant Singh (Radio) (forward).

The Interport team will meet the Rest of the Colony on Sunday at King's Park at 10.30 a.m.

BLACKBURN PLAYING IN PRACTICE GAME

C.B.A. DESIRE MATCH THO' LACKING TWO PLAYERS

CANDIDATES FOR UMPIRING EXAMS FAIL TO IMPRESS BOARD

(By STICKS)

THE general opinion of the Macao hockey team, who were seen in action in the Colony for the first time on Sunday when they were defeated by the Medway Officers by 3 goals to 1 at King's Park, is a very high one. They will give the Colony's Interport team a good hard game, though they are not expected to win.

The team on the whole is as fast as any in the Colony. The forward line are very fast and possess good ball control and combination.

Their biggest mistake is an over indulgence of dribbling after passing the half-backs. A direct attempt at scoring when within the circle would invariably produce much better results.

Ferreira Outstanding

The intermediate line is very strong, the right half, Lino Ferreira, being a brilliant player. The full-backs, however, are the weakest link in the team. M. Cardoso, the left-back, being on the slow side.

A general fault with the Macao team is their tendency to bend down to stop the ball with the hand, and at the same time pushing the ball at times as much as a foot.

They were promptly penalised by the referees on Sunday, and this must have been somewhat annoying in the end, for it was clear that it was done rather in ignorance than with intent.

Almada's penalty-bully for clearing without his stick in his hand was subject to some criticism, but the referee was fully justified. The fault was brought about when Almada, in a desperate attempt to clear a hard shot from Eaden after he had fallen and lost his stick, was if anything, a brilliant effort. He was successful, however, in beating Eaden in the bully-off, an unusual feat in itself for a goalkeeper.

The Medway team was stronger than it has been this season, the defence, in particular, showing up extremely well. Lt. Donald was more aggressive than usual, but was pulled up on a couple of occasions for turning.

From the spectators point of view the game was undoubtedly one of the best seen this season, which augurs well for the forthcoming Interport match on Wednesday, February 14.

Some rather caustic references were made by the Umpiring Board at the last Hong Kong Association meeting regarding the ability of a number of civilian candidates for the hockey umpiring certificate.

Of the seven civilians who were tested during the month of January only two, Messrs. A. A. Dand and G. P. Palmer, both of the Hong Kong Hockey Club, proved successful.

"Absolutely useless with no sense of judgment in granting the advantage rule" was the opinion passed on one of the candidates, who was finally described as "hopeless". Future candidates are warned to give their rules a brush-up before their examination. It is not unlikely that they will be asked the most unusual questions in their combination, and this re-

CAUSSUMBHOY DROPS SET IN FIRST MATCH

Plucky Display By S. W. Liang.

OWEN HUGHES BEATS WONG FUK NAM

THE plucky display of S. W. Liang, the C. R. C. player, against J. A. Cassumbhoy, last year's finalist, provided the feature of the opening day's play in the 1934 Colony Lawn Tennis Championships at the H. K. C. C. yesterday.

Liang by steady play snatched a set off the L. R. C. player before he was beaten 7-5, 4-6, 6-2. Cassumbhoy was, however, only a shadow of himself, his service alone carrying him through against a very steady opponent who retrieved hard shots in brilliant style.

It was a ding dong struggle in which base-line duels provided the features.

The only surprise was provided by H. Owen Hughes, who upset the once rock-like Wong Fuk Nam. The little Chinese player found his opponent too difficult to pass at the net, the Club player's tremendous reach enabling him to tuck away volleys with ease and to kill almost everything overhead. Wong's tennis showed no improvement on his last year's form.

R. R. G. Hoare, a Naval entry, was fully extended against a much slower opponent in G. Gamble in the first set, but after going out at 8-6 he won easily at 6-3. Possessing good stroke production Hoare's greatest weakness lies in a weak service.

Horace Lo must have surprised himself when he took the first set off Lu Tak Cheuk, who went far last year. The left-hander, however, lasted well and with a series of deep drives on either hand he played his opponent to a standstill to win by 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Many were disappointed in not seeing G. R. M. Ricketts in action against K. N. Lee, who did not put in an appearance. Ricketts, however, was seen in a knock-out with one of the Chinese ground boys.

Results of yesterday's matches were as follow:
R. H. Wild beat A. Crawford 6-3, 6-2.
Lu Tak-cheuk beat Horace Lo 4-6, 6-1, 6-3.
J. Barrow beat H. Ung 6-0, 6-0.
R. R. G. Hoare beat G. Gamble 6-4, 6-2.
H. Owen Hughes beat Wong Fuk Nam 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

To-day's Games (4.45)
P. K. Liang v P. R. Khan
A. E. P. Gueat v H. B. Day
D. C. Dunham v W. C. Hung
D. S. Green v Ng Kam Chuen
P. S. Cannon v H. J. Armstrong
F. H. Kwok v A. L. Sullivan
Tsui Yun Pui v W. A. E. Duff

TWO SURPRISE RESULTS
Adelaide, to-day.—Adrian Quist beat Fred Perry by 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 and Harold Lee beat Jack Crawford by 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 in the fourth Lawn Tennis Test in which Australia beat Britain by 7 matches to 6.—Benter.

sulled in a very one-sided game. Miss J. Churchill netted twice and Miss M. Woolley, at centre-forward, scored the three remaining goals, all five being netted in the first half.

No further news has been received of the Australian Ladies' team and it has been decided to hold up all further arrangements, including practice games, until more definite news has been received.

The Hong Kong Hockey Club seniors, in their match against the R.K.S.R.A. on the Marina ground at 5.15 p.m. to-morrow will be represented by the following players: L. D. Skinner; A. A. Dand and J. Rodger; W. A. Reed; H. J. D. Lowe; and E. Tetley; G. E. R. Direct; J. E. Potter and R. C. Archer.

Ladies' XI At Practice
A second practice match for the Colony's ladies' team was held at Sookunpoo last Monday when the selected eleven defeated the Rest by five clear goals. The winners showed considerable improvement in their combination, and this re-

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AT THE KING'S

LOCAL CRICKET LEAGUE AVERAGES TO DATE

JUNIOR LEAGUE

The following are the complete averages for the junior cricket league to date:

BATTING	Inns	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Ave
W. A. Reed (Recrelo)	8	289	102*	2	48.16
Major Bonavia (R.A.M.C.)	4	129	103*	1	45.00
IA. Comdr. Hughes (Navy)	3	85	58*	1	42.50
R. S. W. Patterson (H.K.C.C.)	2	85	57	0	42.50
Pte. Crayford (R.A.S.C.)	2	83	76	0	41.50
L. E. Jupp (H.K.C.C.)	2	76	61	0	38.00
K. Nazarin (I.R.C.)	7	227	59	0	32.72
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	5	96	36*	2	32.00
G. A. Gutierrez (Recrelo)	7	95	37*	4	31.66
S/Sgt. Flood (R.A.S.C.)	5	153	64	0	30.60
T. Yeoh (C.C.C.)	7	169	41*	1	28.16
A. R. Sufiad (R.C.C.)	7	195	74	0	27.85
G. Souza (C.C.C.)	4	82	51*	1	27.33
A. K. Mackenzie (H.K.C.C.)	5	130	53	0	26.00
C. W. E. Bishop (H.K.C.C.)	5	127	60	0	25.40
W. L. Clarke (Police)	7	121	48*	2	24.20
H. J. Armstrong (H.K.C.C.)	5	121	58	0	24.20
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	5	110	40	0	22.00
A. E. Carey (Police)	7	134	57*	1	22.33
W. Sparrow (C.C.C.)	6	127	49	0	21.16
LI. Comdr. Palalrel (Navy)	2	42	33	0	21.00
P. D. Crawley (C.S.C.C.)	6	104	59*	1	20.80
A. Kitchell (C.C.C.)	7	98	66*	2	19.66
I. P. H. Macaulay (K.C.C.)	2	38	35	0	19.00
E. Soares (Recrelo)	8	148	47	0	18.50
W. Hyde (K.C.C.)	3	37	20	1	18.50
A. Kirby (Police)	2	37	35	0	18.50
Cpl. College (R.A.M.C.)	6	107	36	0	17.83
R. Leigh (R.A.M.C.)	4	35	11*	2	17.50
Comdr. Lindell (Navy)	2	35	22	0	17.50
A. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	6	68	20*	2	17.00
A. W. Grinnitt (C.S.C.C.)	2	33	31	0	16.50
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	7	81	39*	2	16.20
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	6	96	42	0	16.00
J. M. Wilson (C.S.C.C.)	5	82	34	0	16.40
H. T. Bee (University)	2	31	18	0	15.50
Cpl. Ballard (R.A.S.C.)	3	46	43	0	15.30
H. T. M. Barma (I.R.C.)	7	107	30	6	15.28
W. Meadows (Police)	5	76	46	0	15.20
LI. Smythe (Navy)	2	45	34	0	15.00
S/Sgt. Tighe (R.A.S.C.)	2	30	25	0	14.75
H. A. Alves (Recrelo)	8	118	47	0	14.66
H. A. Noronha (Recrelo)	4	44	17*	1	14.66
Spr. Pegg (R.E.)	2	29	22	0	14.50
A. A. Dand (K.C.C.)	2	29	22	0	14.50
Major Denvir (R.A.M.C.)	6	86	40	0	14.33
S. Abbas (C.C.C.)	6	71	26*	1	14.20
F. E. Lawrence (K.C.C.)	4	43	14	1	14.33
A. A. Aziz (I.R.C.)	4	43	31	1	14.33
E. Souza (C.C.C.)	7	84	33	1	14.00
A. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	7	84	58*	1	14.00
Dvr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	3	42	21	0	14.00
W. H. Edmonds (C.S.C.C.)	6	68	33*	1	13.60
P. H. Loughlin (Police)	7	95	33	0	13.57
Sgt. Anderson (R.E.)	2	27	22	0	13.50
A. B. Lewis (Navy)	2	27	27	0	13.50
G. R. Wynne (Police)	5	66	28	0	13.20
P. M. N. da Silva (Recrelo)	4	52	31	0	13.00
Pte. Haynes (R.A.M.C.)	4	48	23	0	12.00
F. Hiptoola (University)	2	23	22	0	11.50
J. G. Hunter (H.K.C.C.)	4	45	16	0	11.25
S. Jex (K.C.C.)	3	33	19	0	11.00
K. L. Ng (University)	2	22	18	0	11.00
H. F. Westlake (C.S.C.C.)	6	62	32	0	10.33
D. Roy (University)	3	30	18	0	10.00
Col. Nosworthy (R.E.)	2	20	16	0	10.00
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo)	8	60	20*	2	10.00

The qualification for the above averages are two completed innings and an average of 10.

BOWLING

	O.	M.	R.	W.	Ave.
L. A. C. Caghy (Navy)	24	7	63	12	5.66
W. Sparrow (C.C.C.)	45.2	10	104	16	6.50
S. Abbas (C.C.C.)	53.1	15	203	31	6.54
A. P. Pereira (Recrelo)	75.1	19	190	29	6.55
P. M. N. da Silva (Recrelo)	19	8	29	4	7.25
G. A. V. Hall (K.C.C.)	11	3	24	3	8.00
A. D. Lawson (H.K.C.C.)	45.1	10	142	17	8.35
Comdr. Lindell (Navy)	10	0	44	5	8.50
J. Barnes (C.S.C.C.)	12.2	0	62	7	8.85
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	28	7	75	8	9.37
A. A. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	66.3	14	190	20	9.50
K. L. Ng (University)	23.3	3	88	9	9.77
LI. Trimble (R.A.M.C.)	16	1	49	5	9.80
Pte. Ballard (R.A.S.C.)	32.1	6	89	10	8.90
H. A. Alves (Recrelo)	52.3	14	132	13	10.15
A. L. Barron (Navy)	10.4	3	21	2	10.50
LI. Luard (Navy)	21	7	64	6	10.66
M. el Arculli (I.R.C.)	21	6	54	5	10.80
A. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	47	12	144	13	11.07
Pte. Gouty (R.A.M.C.)	17.4	2	56	5	11.20
Major Bonavia (R.A.M.C.)	32.4	5	116	10	11.60
Cpl. Catlin (R.A.M.C.)	39	12	122	10	12.20
LI. Smythe (Navy)	23	3	69	8	12.37
L. C. Pennell (Police)	5	0	25	2	12.50
Major Sarfield (R.A.M.C.)	6	1	26	2	13.00
A. P. Gutierrez (Recrelo)	42	10	122	9	13.55
Pte. Swain (R.A.S.C.)	8	0	41	3	13.66
P. S. W. Smith (K.C.C.)	30.3	9	96	7	13.71
S/Sgt. Flood (R.A.S.C.)	38.3	6	175	12	14.58
G. Lee (K.C.C.)	20	4	109	7	15.57
A. B. Lewis (Navy)	22	1	78	5	15.60
Pte. Forsyth (R.A.S.C.)	35.1	4	127	8	15.87
C. W. E. Bishop (H.K.C.C.)	39	2	164	9	16.22
J. Skinner (C.S.C.C.)	9	0	33	2	16.50
A. R. Sufiad (I.R.C.)	61.4	17	149	9	16.55
W. Glendinning (Police)	11	1	50	3	16.66
F. Minaty (Police)	42.1	6	234	14	16.71
F. Hiptoola (University)	29	6	117	7	16.71
J. Forrest (Police)	52	7	237	14	16.92
Dvr. Whitley (R.A.S.C.)	5.4	0	17	1	17.00
L. E. Lammert (H.K.C.C.)	6	0	34	2	17.00
T. Abbas (C.C.C.)	38	11	107	6	17.83
T. H. King (Police)	23	5	90	5	18.00
A. Prata (Recrelo)	31.3	7	91	5	18.20
A. E. Carey (Police)	44.3	4	182	10	18.20
G. A. Gutierrez (Recrelo)	25	1	92	5	18.40
H. Hubbard (C.C.C.)	22	4	77	4	19.25
J. Lewis (Navy)	12	1	39	2	19.50
W. H. G. Hines (K.C.C.)	11	0	40	2	20.00

The qualification for the above averages are two completed matches and an average of 20 and under. The K.C.C. bowling against the Navy is not included owing to faulty scoring.

INDIANS BENEFIT BY CLUB-SETBACK

Almost Assured Of The Junior Title.

CRAIGENGOWER'S TO ENCOUNTER FORMIDABLE TRIO

(BY ATHOLE)

THE Club's check against the K.C.C. on Saturday has given Craighengower, the champions, and the I.R.C. a big advantage in the junior cricket league. It was a most unexpected surprise in view of the Club's all-round superiority over their Kowloon rivals.

The Recrelo head the lists at the moment, but they cannot hope to better the Indians, though they may beat the champions, whom they have yet to play.

The Indians, who have to play the Service Corps, the Medical Corps, the Engineers, and the Civil Servants should win their remaining four games to give them an aggregate of 28 out of a possible 33. Craighengower will find the Recrelo formidable opponents, while the Club and Kowloon should offer stern challenges. The Engineers provide the fourth of the remaining fixtures.

Should a play-off be necessary between Craighengower and the Indians, the Sookunpo Club, who are a much better balanced side, would commence the game warm favourites. K. Nazarin has made the best use of a promising eleven, and it is noteworthy that only 14 players have taken part in league games this season. Team-work has ever been the key to the I.R.C. juniors' successes.

SENIOR LEAGUE

The following are the complete premier league cricket averages to date:

BATTING	Inns	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Ave
A. M. Rodrigues (University)	2	98	85	0	49.00
E. C. Fincher (K.C.C.)	4	191	97	0	47.75
H. Owen Hughes (H.K.C.C.)	5	238	95	0	47.60
N. A. E. Mackay (K.C.C.)	4	140	58	1	46.84
LI. Garthwaite (Army)	4	89	32	2	44.50
L. S. Peatfield (Navy)	4	121	63	1	40.33
A. H. Rumjahn (I.R.C.)	5	199	53	0	39.80
F. D. Pereira (I.R.C.)	4	119	83*	1	39.66
E. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	5	149	87	1	37.25
Capt. Williams (Army)	4	149	87	0	37.25
S. V. Gittins (K.C.C.)	3	52	30	1	28.00
W. C. Hung (K.C.C.)	4	75	56*	1	25.00
Major Bonavia (Army)	2	50	44	0	25.00
A. W. Hayward (H.K.C.C.)	4	89	46	0	22.25
E. F. Fincher (K.C.C.)	4	65	44	1	21.66
LI. Comdr. Stephenson (Navy)	5	104	44	0	20.80
Capt. Michell (Army)	2	39	23	0	19.50
Sub-Lt. Sinclair (Navy)	5	97	32	0	19.40
A. C. Beck (H.K.C.C.)	3	37	28	1	18.50
J. S. A. Curran (I.R.C.)	3	55	34	0	18.33
D. S. Harley (H.K.C.C.)	4	54	39*	1	18.00
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	4	72	49	0	18.00
A. R. H. Basmal (I.R.C.)	2	35	30	0	17.50
A. T. Lee (C.C.C.)	6	83	22*	1	16.60
LI. Eaden (Navy)	4	66	43	0	16.50
A. T. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	5	63	22	1	15.75
G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.)	4	47	27*	1	15.66
D. Hunt (University)	2	31	28	0	15.50
Cpl. Ballard (Army)	2	31	22	0	15.50
LI. Walker (Army)	2	31	22	0	15.50
LI. Larkin (Navy)	3	30	14	1	15.00
LI. Williams (Army)	3	29	12	1	14.50
A. T. Lay (K.C.C.)	4	57	40	0	14.25
A. H. Madar (I.R.C.)	4	57	28	0	14.25
H. Nomanboy (University)	2	28	16	0	14.00
J. L. Youngs (C.C.C.)	6	55	22	2	13.75
R. Lee (C.C.C.)	5	68	32	0	13.60
LI. Suther (Navy)	3	26	19	1	13.00
E. J. R. Mitchell (H.K.C.C.)	4	50	39	0	12.50
T. E. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	4	50	24	0	12.50
A. B. Large (Navy)	2	25	19	0	12.50
A. R. Sufiad (I.R.C.)	4	38	19*	1	12.66
A. B. Hanson (C.C.C.)	6	74	32	0	12.33
LI. Walker (Army)	4	34	22	1	11.33
P. K. Lee (C.C.C.)	6	68	24	0	11.33
F. R. Zimmern (C.C.C.)	6	63	31	0	10.50
C. I. Stapleton (K.C.C.)	2	21	11	0	10.50
S. A. Ismail (I.R.C.)	5	44	32	1	11.00

*denotes not out

BOWLING

J. E. Smith (H.K.C.C.)	15	3	31	4	7.75
F. D. Pereira (I.R.C.)	58	14	119	15	7.93
Sgt. Taylor (Army)	10	1	25	3	8.33
Cpl. Ballard (Army)	7.4	0	36	4	9.00
T. A. Pearce (H.K.C.C.)	36.1	4	136	15	9.06
A. C. Beck (H.K.C.C.)	60	12	163	17	9.58
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	57	16	166	18	11.06
A. T. Lee (C.C.C.)	67.5	18	184	15	12.26
A. T. Lee (C.C.C.)	52.5	4	207	15	13.80
LI. Garthwaite (Army)	10	2	43	3	14.33
A. K. Ismail (I.R.C.)	5	6	190	13	14.61
G. C. Burnett (K.C.C.)	19.4	2	89	4	14.75
LE. Marham (Navy)	51	11	143	9	15.88
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	60.1	10	216	13	16.61
H. Lee (C.C.C.)	18	1	100	6	16.66
C. R. E. Sargent (I.R.C.)	10.3	0	39	2	19.50
E. Hubbard (C.C.C.)	9	1	40	2	20.00
J. L. Stollcher (University)					

CHASE BANK SUED FOR \$17,357

As Transferees Of Equitable Eastern.

CHINESE OFFICIAL'S DEPOSIT IN 1928

A claim against the Chase Bank Inc., as transferees of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, by Tam Foo, alias Tam Cheuk-yue, came before the Acting Chief Justice, the Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The plaintiff, Tam Foo, alias Tam Cheuk-yue, is claiming a sum of \$17,357.27, being money deposited with the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, and interest at the rate of three per cent per annum.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., instructed by Messrs. Lo and Lo appeared for the plaintiff while Mr. Duncan McNeill, assisted by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, appeared for the defendants.

Mr. Potter, outlining his case, said his client's claim was as a depositor of the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation. The plaintiff had been, and still was, employed by the Chinese Government, and was at present holding a position as Head of the Liquor and Tobacco Revenue Department at Swatow.

The plaintiff first made a deposit with the Eastern Equitable Banking Corporation in December, 1927, when he placed \$1,000 in a Savings Bank Account and was issued with a passbook, No. 352.

In order to show that this was not the only deposit made by plaintiff, counsel quoted three others:

\$10,000 deposited with the Bank of East Asia on January 11, 1928; \$10,000 with the Yokohama Specie Bank as a Savings Account on January 14, 1928; and a further \$10,000 with the latter Bank on January 20, 1928.

The history of the deposit said counsel, was as follows: On January 17, 1928, plaintiff deposited with the Savings Bank Department of the Eastern Equitable Banking Corporation, known to him as the "Tai Tung Bank," the sum of \$14,800, and in return received from an assistant a passbook numbered 671. He was asked for a specimen signature, which he submitted.

On March 9, 1928, the plaintiff took up an appointment as Head of the Department for Military Expenditure at Swatow.

In November 1932 the plaintiff read in the papers of the American banking crisis and of the runs on banks and decided to withdraw his deposit from the American bank.

On November 23, 1932, the plaintiff called on the Chase Bank, as successors to the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation, and demanded repayment of his original deposit of \$14,800, with accumulated interest, but the defendants refused payment and have continued to do so.

The plaintiff now claims the sum of \$17,357.27, money deposited, and interest on the sum at the rate of three per cent per annum until payment or judgment.

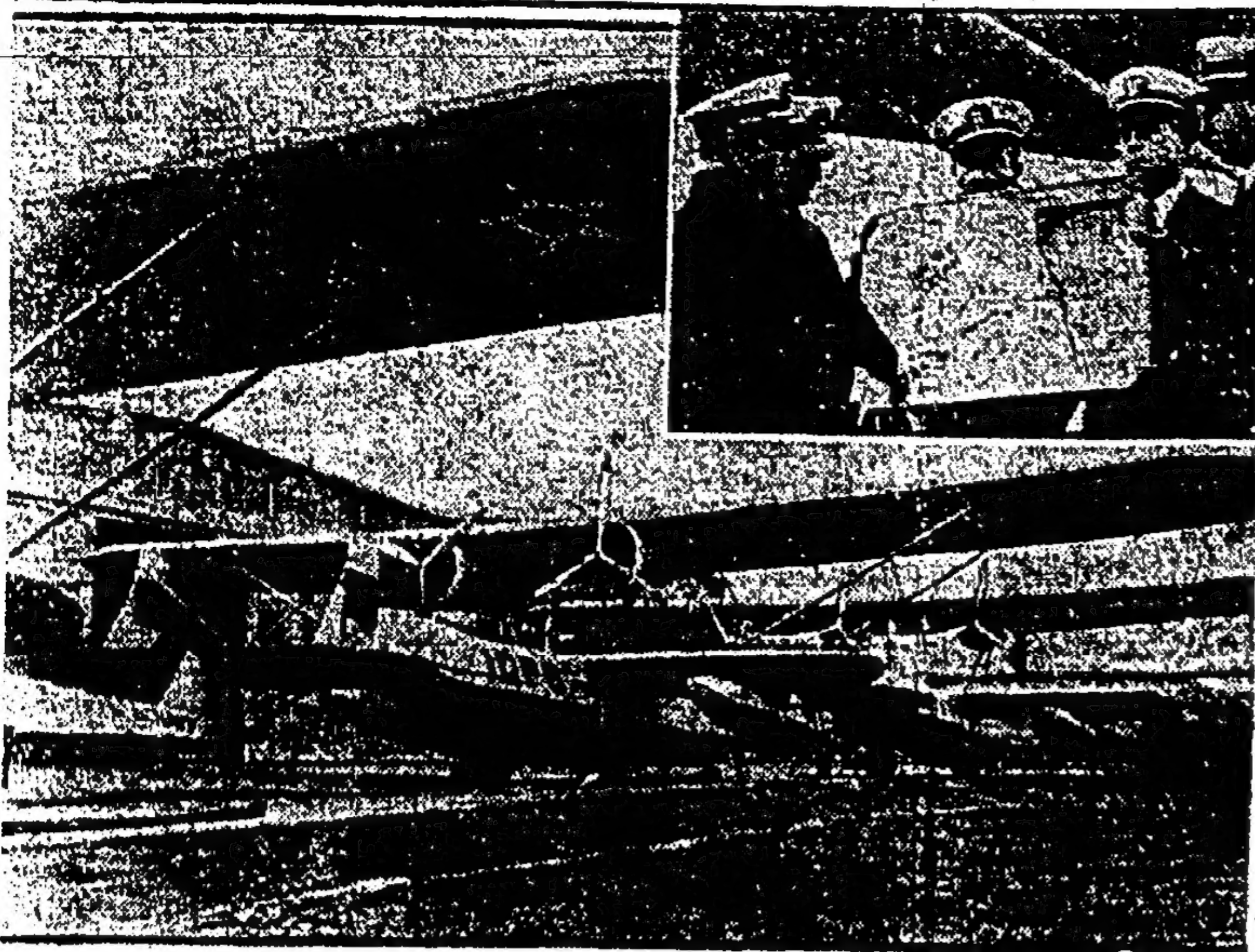
All plaintiff's deposits with the various banks were made in the name of Tam Foo. During 1928 there was much political unrest in Canton and, as a means of safeguarding his money, plaintiff made these deposits in Hong Kong.

Continuing, counsel said that after the plaintiff had been refused payment he was taken to a European official of the bank who informed him that no such sum as he claimed had been deposited with the Equitable Eastern Banking Corporation and that any passbook that had been issued was not genuine. The European offered to take plaintiff to the Bank's solicitors, but he refused and instead went to Messrs. Lo and Lo for advice. As a result of his consultation a mass of correspondence (exhibited) came into being.

Plaintiff's solicitors wrote to the Chase Bank informing them of the deposit and circumstances surrounding it and on November 28, 1932, received a reply from the Bank to the effect that they did not admit any liability, as the deposit had not been made and any passbook plaintiff possessed had been issued without authority and had not been initiated by a European member of the bank staff. Furthermore the bank had no specimen of plaintiff's signature. The case is proceeding.

America's Air Armada

At San Diego.



The six American Navy flying-boats which last month made the longest non-stop mass formation flight on record, by flying 2,048 miles, from California to Hawaii. (Inset) Some of the pilots, with the Commander, Lieut.-Commander Kneifer McGinnis (left).

Naval Curiosities At Singapore

"The Terror" And "The Fastnet"

A "WADDLE" ACROSS THE WORLD

It took the monitor, Terror, and the trawler, Fastnet, nearly four months to reach Singapore from Plymouth. They are to be attached to the permanent establishment at the Naval Base.

The journey was full of incident and is described as one of the most notable voyages ever made by two extremes of naval units, neither of which was designed for voyages of this kind.

When the Terror, whose 15 ins. gun look down on Singapore like a pair of gigantic field-glasses, was built nobody ever thought of her as ever leaving her native shores further than to bombard the German lines behind the Belgian coast.

That was the function for which she was built—a flat-bottomed, unwieldy monster, all beam and no speed—a fish-wife among the slim, elegant, corseted cruisers and destroyers which rule the fashions of the high seas at anything up to forty knots an hour.

And now, almost if not quite the first of her kind, she comes to Singapore to end her days, almost if not nobody who had a hand in her building or designing ever considered even as a possibility.

Torpedoed Three Times Among all the strange memorabilia that protecting the world's greatest Empire must create there is none stranger than this. That the vessel the Germans couldn't sink—the Terror was torpedoed three times during the war—lumbered across half the oceans of the world to rust, metaphorically, of course, as a depot ship at Seletar with occasional awkward lurchings round to Singapore as she once lurched across to the Belgian coast to fire her 2,000 lb. messages of concentrated hate at a hidden enemy.

Her voyage out to Singapore reads like one of the voyages of the sailing ships of the Raffles era. Certainly there can have been fewer longer voyages to the East since the invention of the steamship and the building of the Suez Canal.

To do the Terror justice—and we would not offend a ship's company which has grown to love its ungainly and unbeautiful home after their eventful achievement together—it was not all her fault that the voyage out took so long. For the Terror was accompanied by the trawler, Fastnet, which was more responsible for the delay than the Terror.

From Iceland's Rocks

And, on the Fastnet, also hangs a tale. In the days when the Fastnet fulfilled her trawlerish function of catching fish, her regular "beat" was to the heaving seas around Iceland. In one wild Arctic gale she went ashore on the rocks of Iceland and the crew were rescued with difficulty after great hardships. The little vessel was given up, even by the insurance company, as a "total loss" and the in-

surance money paid out.

But the resources of the British Navy are nearly illimitable. The wreck was bought from the company and the Navy went out to Iceland, prised the hulk loose from the rocks, patched up what was left of the engines and brought the relic back to Britain.

And in due course the Fastnet took her place beside that other maritime curiosity, the Terror, and on October 8, 1933, the two of them began that historic waddle across the world to Singapore, until now unchronicled, except probably, in the archives of the Admiralty where these curious adventures may have a specialised meaning.

Like the Terror, the Fastnet will probably end her days at Singapore, another curious transformation scene, from the storm-raddled Arctic rocks to running Liberty men through these tropic palm-fringed straits eighty miles from the Equator.

Storms At The Start

It was a gloomy day when the two vessels left Plymouth and almost immediately they got outside they ran into rough weather which lasted practically all the way across the Channel and down the Bay of Biscay. The huge beam of the Terror with her enormous anti-torpedo bulges, was not suited for this sort of ocean and she continually shipped huge seas while the little trawler bobbed about like a cork in the corkerew wake of the lumbering monster in front of her.

The decks were almost continually awash and the seething water found its way into unexpected places. It was an adventure getting from one part of the deck to another, clinging to a stanchion while one wave broke inboard and bolting into a companion way before the next one arrived.

Even at this early stage new arrangements for the crew and passengers had to be made to meet the unexpected conditions. Among the passengers were 52 boys under 18 years of age from the training ship at Shotley coming out for the first time to be distributed among the vessels on the East Indies station. Their quarters were so continually flooded that they had to be moved to a dryer and less salubrious situation.

After six days of this weather the gale moderated and the rest of the run to Gibraltar was comparatively uneventful.

Three Weeks In Dock

The Fastnet, however, had suffered rather badly and had to go into the dockyard for repairs which delayed the convoy for three weeks. The two vessels were at Gibraltar while the destroyers for Australia which passed through Singapore about two months ago were there. The second lap of the voyage through the Mediterranean began in fine weather but after three

days, another storm broke and the two vessels put into Malta where they stayed for a few days till the weather improved and the omens indicated a fine spell ahead.

They got to Port Said without more excitement and filled up with fuel for the trip through the Canal. Coming through the Canal the Terror had an adventure that might have had serious consequences. She had been tied up to allow a ship to pass when a tow rope was cast off too soon.

Across The Canal The huge lumbering mass of animated ironmongery swung slowly round bows on to the bank on one side while the stern swivelled crab-wise till it scraped the sandy banks on the other side—broadside across the Canal with bow and stern touching. The vessel actually went aground, but was soon refloated and no damage was done.

It was, after this incident that the ship's songster celebrated the occasion by producing the now popular lyric, "Riding on the Terror in the Desert," which is sung without fee or licence wherever the participants of this unique voyage meet.

From Aden another uneventful but slow run brought the convoy to Bombay. That the weather was good was fortunate for there is no data as to just how a ship like the Terror will react to a really tropical storm, not to mention the Fastnet which was never meant for that sort of thing.

The company spent Christmas in Bombay and still feel that Bombay is one of the nicest places to spend Christmas in.

Down the Indian coast to Colombo with deck chairs making their appearance and the pleasant feeling that at last this seemingly interminable voyage was really nearing its end.

Repairs In Sumatra

From Colombo, it was decided to complete the trip in one final lap. But it was not to be. There was still to be another halt. The little Fastnet struggling gamely on showed signs of distress. Somewhere between Colombo and Penang she sprang a leak and the convoy had to put into Saling, in Sumatra, for repairs. The little vessel was temporarily patched up and at last, after a voyage lasting nearly four months the storm-tossed couple of maritime curiosities limped into Singapore where the Fastnet immediately went into dockyard to get her leak below the water-line permanently attended to.

The two vessels have shared what must be one of the most unusual trips ever undertaken by units of the British Navy and though lacking in some of the more spectacular elements it has features that certainly deserve to be chronicled. And Singapore will appreciate the historic qualities of the latest additions to its Naval establishment.

WEST AUSTRALIA'S GOLD OUTPUT.

\$169,675,650. Received At Royal Mint.

Perth, West Australia. Since West Australia began producing gold \$9,948,022 fine ounces, valued at \$169,675,650, have been received at the Royal Mint. This does not represent the total production, as in years gone by much gold was exported without being sold through the Mint. Another

RADIATOR-CAP PILFERERS

Three More Cases In Court Yesterday.

TWO MEN GAOLED, ONE REMANDED

Prosecuting an unemployed Chinese, Fung Ping-wan, at the Central Magistracy this morning, for unlawful possession of a motor car radiator-cap, Detective Inspector J. Murphy told the Court that the defendant was arrested in Hollywood Road, with the cap in his pocket. He admitted that he had stolen it from a car in Chater Road and gave the number of the car.

The ownership was subsequently traced to Major J. A. A. Griffin, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, but it was found that Major Griffin had since sold the car and left for Home.

The Inspector asked for a short remand so that the new owner of the car could be found.

In adjourning the case until Thursday, Mr. E. W. Hamilton, the Magistrate, suggested that it would be a good idea to have the number of the car to which it belonged inscribed on every radiator-cap in case it should be lost.

Theft At University. Chan Sam, another unemployed Chinese, pleaded guilty to theft of a radiator-cap from car No. 185, owned by Professor W. Fald, of the Hong Kong University, while it was parked in Lytleton Road.

The Magistrate asked if the car had been left in an authorised parking-place, because many cases arose from cars not being left in a proper place.

Professor Fald replied that it was the usual park for all University cars.

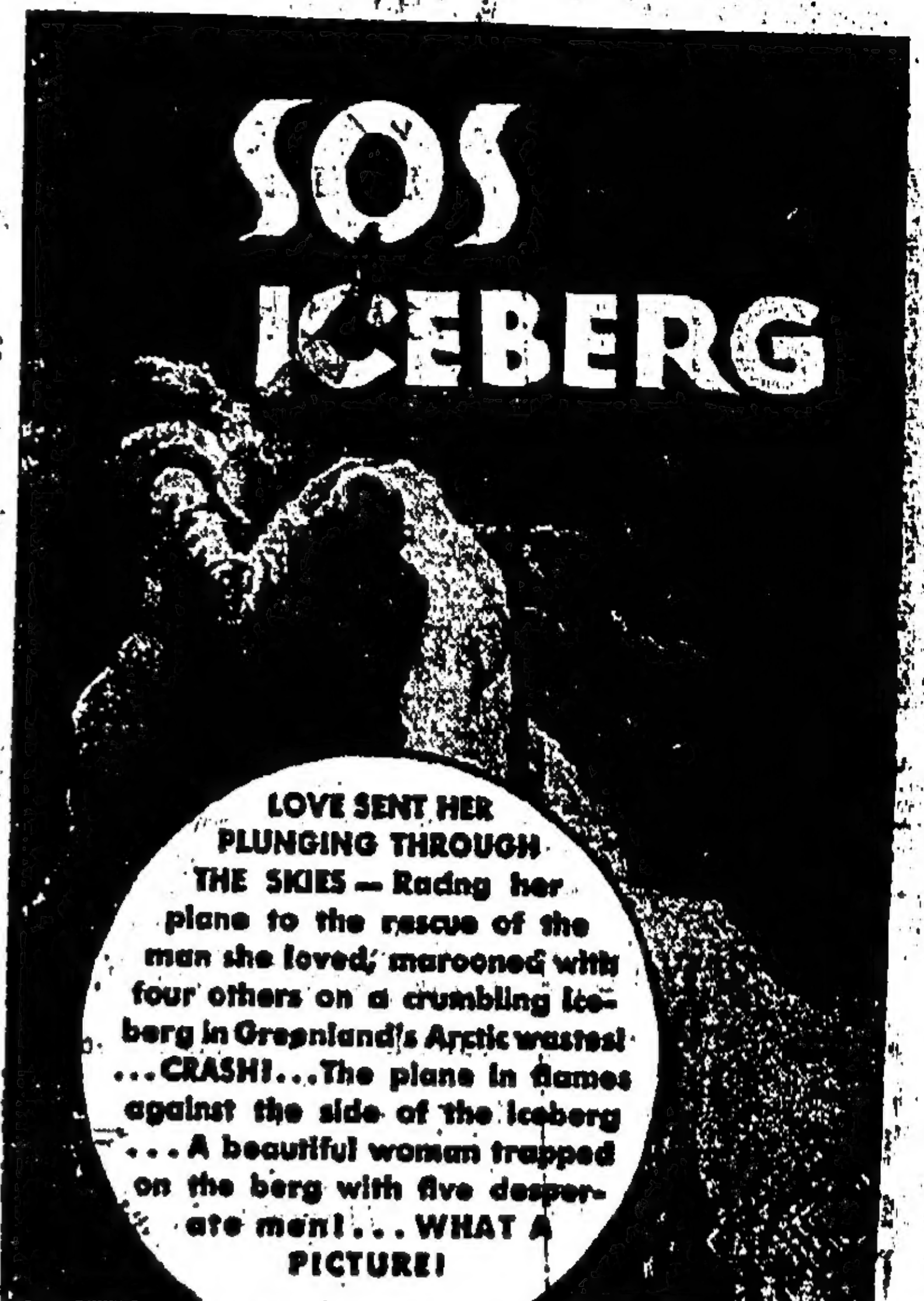
Accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour.

Pokfulum Case.

Chan Pun, also unemployed, was sentenced to three months' hard labour for stealing a radiator-cap from car No. 2373, owned by Mr. Leung Choy, while it was parked in Pokfulum Road.

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A Welcome Peace Gesture.

It is not possible to foresee how much may come of the new German-Polish accord, whereby the two Governments "renounce the use of force in adjusting their mutual relations." What is evident, however, is that this is a marked advance towards a pacific solution for a body of international problems which, more than any others, have been held to threaten an ultimate breach of the peace of Europe. It is a question not so much of the terms of the joint declaration, but of the circumstances and of that impalpable political medium known as atmosphere. It is true that both Germany and Poland have already, in general terms, renounced the use of force by their adherence to the Kellogg Pact; but that has never exercised the least influence in relieving the conditions of strain between them. It is true also that Herr Hitler, since he assumed office, has more than once expressed the intention of working for an improvement of those conditions. But the new accord is treated in both capitals as a political event of prime importance; and in Paris, where the Franco-Polish alliance has so long been a vital article of foreign policy, the same view is taken of it. Mr. Beck, the Polish Foreign Minister, has spoken of the new relationship with a warmth such as would not have been conceivable while German-Polish relations were for either party merely a history of rankling grievances and resentments. The causes of enmity remain; but the disposition to treat them as incurable by peaceable adjustment has been definitely renounced. There is room enough for thorough-going improvement, if the will be present in the treatment of German minorities in Poland, and above all in the danger-spot of Upper Silesia. There need be no more "frontier incidents" if both sides mean that they shall cease. Commercial relations need no longer be those of bitter unfriendliness. Such matters will be the first test of the better spirit. Behind them lie the vastly more difficult territorial questions that have vitiated the political air of Central Europe for the past fourteen years. The existence of the "corridor" that cuts off East Prussia from Germany, to give Poland her outlet on the Baltic has been thought of, until now, as an insurmountable barrier to the bettering of their relations. At least it has been surmounted. Only time can show whether a

durable modus vivendi in that territory can be achieved to round off this feat of pacific diplomacy. The French Government, and the parties of the Left which give it its character, strongly approve a change that means, for it, relief from the liability to support Poland in the event of a German aggression. Those of the Right bewail the virtual defection of an ally. It is true that Poland has for a year past shown a desire to be independent of French patronage. She marks it very unmistakably in this display of confidence in the peaceful protestations of Nazi Germany. At the same time, the attainment of the primo condition of peace in Europe, an understanding between France and Germany, loses not a little of its difficulty if the motive of protecting Poland can be set aside. The new diplomatic fact may represent no more than a step in the right direction; but the promise of it ought not to be minimised.

British Post Office Enterprise.

Under the energetic direction of Sir Kingsley Wood, the Post Office has become one of the most reformative of all the Government Departments in Britain. The Postmaster-General has announced that the Business Reply Card Service, introduced eighteen months ago, has proved so successful that more than 3,000 licences have now been issued. The same idea is to be extended to telegrams, and a Business Reply Telegram Service will be inaugurated which should prove no less attractive. Special telegram forms are to be issued, on which a business firm will be able to print its name and address, together with the amount and time for which replies will be available. Any number of these forms can be sent out to prospective customers, who, without charge to themselves, can use the reply telegrams on which to despatch their orders. Beyond a small registration fee and the cost price of the forms the user of the service will pay telegraph charges only on the replies actually received. The plan should be particularly useful to business men who seek a quick sale for some special commodity on which they are ready to pay a fraction over a shilling for every order received. Naturally, the Postmaster-General desires to extend his telegraph business, which for the current year is being run at a loss of about £225,000. This figure is all to Sir Kingsley's credit, because the annual loss was £1,280,000 no more than five years ago, and the intervening period has been one of severe business depression. Yet these telegraph earnings have not been increased at the expense of telephone receipts, for the activities of the Post Office have been no less strenuous and successful in this

HERE, THERE
and
EVERYWHERE

Air Liner Problem
Most air liners to-day, both in Europe and America, are of multi-engine type.

In America the tendency has been to concentrate on twin-engine types. It is claimed that they can operate on either engine. But there are two schools of thought on this point.

The "antis" are pointing to the misadventure of a Curtiss Condor of American Airways, recently.

It developed engine trouble between Buffalo and Detroit. Nine passengers and a crew of three were aboard. It came down and landed with its retractable undercarriage still puled up. It alighted on the thin ice on Lake St. Clair, near Windsor, Ontario, on its fuselage and nobody was injured.

Mr. Clarence Chamberlin, who once flew the Atlantic, blames the twin-engine air liner for the recent increase in air travel accidents in the United States.

On One Engine

The supporters of twin-engine airplanes, on the other hand, claim that height can be maintained on either engine, or that loss of height will be at such a delayed rate that an aerodrome can be reached.

In England a D. H. Dragon, which is a twin-engine air-liner, actually took off deliberately on one engine and flew to Bristol and back to London with one engine out of use.

The American view is that engines are so reliable to-day that nothing is to be gained by fitting in their latest air liners, except four when two will give sufficient reliability.

They are following this policy in their latest air liners, except the "clipper" type boats. These have long stretches of sea to cross between North and South America.

Your Daily Smile.

A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK
Old Gentleman: "Didn't I give you a cheque just now in the High Street?"

Tramp: "Yes, sir; I've got a branch office there."

Making Sure
"Let me see," said Lane pensively, "do I owe you any money, old man?"

Long raised inquiring eyebrows. "Not a penny, old chap," he replied. "Why, are you going round paying off your little debts?"

"Oh, no!" replied Lane quickly. "I was just going round to see if I've overlooked anybody. Lend me five bob till Saturday, will you?"

NEARLY!

Horse Dealer: "Did that horse I sold you do for you, sir?"

Customer: "Nearly!"

Had Its Difficulties

Slowly, with a menacing look in his eye, the bulldog approached the two street musicians.

The men looked at him out of the corners of their eyes and then slowly edged away.

"I say, Bill," said the man with the banjo suddenly, "blow 'ard on your cornet, perhaps I'll frighten 'im away."

"Yes, that's all very well," said Bill, with a doubtful grimace. "But if it don't do the trick, where'll I get the wind to run away with?"

Facts You Did Not Know.

Low pressure balloon tyres have been developed for motorcycles.

Extremely sensitive electrical apparatus has been invented by a University of Chicago physician to measure nerve currents in persons.

To prevent injurious overloads in radio tubes and delicate electrical instruments fuses have been invented that use platinum wires only one thirtyeth the diameter of a human hair.

direction throughout the same period. In fact the telephone "drives" has been the chief feature of the present regime. What the improvement really signifies is that the Postmaster-General has been getting new business for his Department by improved facilities for the public.

BRITAIN FORGETS
HER ARMY
LACK OF INTEREST IN
LAND FORCES

"THE PEACE-TIME DEFENDERS"

(By Major-General J. F. C. Fuller.)

[Major-General Fuller, who was placed on the retired list in December, was the foremost exponent of mechanisation in the Army. He had been Chief of Staff of the Tank Corps, was not due to retire for another seven years, and had received no appointment since he was promoted to major-general in 1930. His retirement has been described as a deplorable waste of talent.]

The people of Britain know that they have an Army because they see soldiers walking in the parks and streets; they know that this Army is trained for war because they watch Guardsmen forming fours and two deep the other side of the railings of Wellington Barracks. Then there are the Horse Guards and the Tattoo. Certainly they have an Army, there is no doubt about it; but how it lives and what it does are known to but a very few.

Whenever some interest is aroused concerning our national or Imperial defence we hear cries for cruisers, destroyers and aircraft; yet who has ever heard a cry for more battalions or regiments or batteries. And be it remembered that during peace time the bulk of our defence work falls upon our Army and not upon our Navy or Royal Air Force.

Unobtrusively the Army stands behind the law; it is the foundation of our social order. It is right that it is not seen; nevertheless, should serious trouble arise in these islands, seventy-one battalions would suddenly appear, as it were, from nowhere, and would be cheered to the echo by all law-abiding people.

Also, how often it is realised that we have sixty-six battalions overseas, and that not a few of them are on semi-active service; and some in fortified posts and encampments in which no woman or child is allowed?

Why this obscurity and lack of interest? First, because our Army is exceedingly well-behaved; it is seldom seen and never heard of unless it opens a new rifle range, when at once the locality is proclaimed to be a beauty spot; or it trains on some stretch of common land and so, by some unexplained magic, pollutes it for the common people.

Secondly, because it is monastic in character, an army apart from the nation, walled up within a somewhat archaic discipline. In a way an aristocratic caste founded upon ancient traditions and revering them because it itself is not reversed—only tolerated.

Receiving no publicity, it has a holy horror of publicity; it does not belong to this age and to its advertisement appears extremely vulgar. It looks down on Press and politicians; it frowns upon intellect and the intellectual; it is horrified when one of its members so far forgets himself as to write about it; it is possessed of a high sense of ancient honour, and it lives almost exclusively in the past—a past of fox hunting, squires, week-end shooting parties, village cricket fields and the gentlemanly joys of the now dead agricultural order of society. It is a superb phantom embalmed in a reality which does not concern it.

Press Indifferent

Also is there a third reason—the indifference of the Press.

In France, Germany and elsewhere there are scores of permanent military correspondents, and consequently the people take interest in their military forces. Here there is a universal military ignorance, an ignorance which blindly votes £88,000,000 a year for our land defence.

In this obscurity our Army works much like an alchemist in a medieval laboratory. I have called it aristocratic, but it is also strictly communistic, which goes to show

that extremes are always meeting. Officers have certain duties but no rights, not even a legal right to pay or pension. The hierarchy is as powerful as the OGPU, it can make and unmake careers at will. Discipline aims not at fostering originality, the secret success of war, but at a universal damping down and standardisation, which ends in creating an all-pervading mediocrity of spirit, in which genius and talent are the demons to be exorcised.

The prevailing idea is not, as might be expected, the inculcation of leadership (though this is much talked about), but the establishment of team work; football and cricket, polo and hunting being exalted to a military art. In these circumstances it is to be wondered at that our Army is never prepared for war, which is not a game; that is to say, never prepared spiritually and intellectually.

Its body, healthy and virile as it is, is headless; for we have no Commander-in-Chief, no single personality to whom soldiers can look up to as their leader and friend. In place, the Army is governed by a Council so constituted as to render it voiceless and in consequence the dumb slave of a Secretary of State. In war we rightly anathematise councils of war, yet in peace time all three services are controlled by Councils or Boards, formed not of independent directors but of departmental managers of equal status—the worst deciding organ imaginable.

I remember once at the War Office my general, an exceptionally able man, bursting into my room and exclaiming: "Do you know what they have done? They assembled at eleven o'clock blankets for the Territorials, and rose at twelve forty-five to discover that they had invented a new hand grenade!"

Spring Cleaning Needed.

That our valiant and much neglected little Army wants a thorough spring cleaning is beyond a doubt. Yet, curious as it may seem, this spring cleaning cannot be initiated from inside. It must come from outside, from instructed public opinion which will compel the Government to fill in the at present blank file in our military organisation by appointing a Secretary of State for War who is a Secretary of State for War and not merely a politician placed at the War Office.

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SQUIRRELS MARCH
ACROSS STATE

Migration Puzzling:
American Officials.

CONNECTICUT RIVER CROSSED

Hartford, Connecticut.
The Chief Game Warden here reports that thousands of grey squirrels are moving across Connecticut in a general migration that puzzles game officials.

The squirrels were travelling in groups of about 100, following "bee lines" that carry them through lakes, rivers, main highways and centres of towns.

The exodus was especially marked in the Rockville, Wethersfield and Lyme areas. Game Warden E. G. Wright of Tolland County said, he had recovered the bodies of 48 squirrels, which apparently drowned as they sought to swim Snipe Lake near Rockville. More than 100 were seen swimming the Connecticut River opposite the Wethersfield Yacht Club. Farmers at Lyme reported animals were travelling in columns across their field.

At Williamson, captains of six boats on the Connecticut river reported squirrels were seeking refuge on their craft. A doctor at Sherman woke on Columbus Lake to find six bedraggled animals perched on the bow of his boat. Later,

DUMPED CEMENT IN HONG KONG

"Not Desirable To Interfere."

POLICY EXPLAINED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS

London, To-day. In the House of Commons yesterday, the Conservative Member for Stockport, Mr. S. S. Hammersley, called attention to the dumping of Japanese cement in Hong Kong.

The Parliamentary Secretary for Dominion Affairs, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, replied that the Colonial Minister had already communicated with the Governor of Hong Kong, Sir William Peel, K. C. M. G., K.B.E., who after dealing with all the circumstances, including the advantage of Hong Kong trade, had not considered it desirable to interfere with such imports.

The Governor was doing all he could to help, and had arranged to use as much British cement as possible on Public Works, Mr. MacDonald said. —Reuter.

MR. LATHAM SAILS ON MARCH 17.

To Improve Australia's Relations In East.

Melbourne, To-day. The Hon. Mr. J. G. Latham, the Attorney-General and Minister for External Affairs and Minister for Industry for Australia, will depart on March 17 on a three months' tour of the East, embracing China, Japan, Hong Kong, the Dutch East Indies, Singapore, the Federated Malay States, and probably French Indo-China and the Philippines, with the object of fostering the present friendly relationship between Australia and her northern neighbours.

The mission is not concerned with trade, but a member of the party will be able to give any necessary information on commercial questions. — Reuter.

CO-OPERATIVE MARKETING.

British Farmers Favour Potato Scheme.

London, To-day. The Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Walter Elliot, announced in the House of Commons that the result of the poll on the potato marketing scheme which was declared yesterday was overwhelmingly in favour of the scheme remaining in force. Of the votes submitted, 90.44 per cent. were in favour of the scheme remaining in force and 9.55 per cent. against. — British Wireless Service.

TELEPHONE CO.'S DIVIDEND.

Final Allotment Of 80 Cents Per Share.

A final dividend of 80 cents per share has been declared by the Hong Kong Telephone Company, Ltd. The Balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account for the year ended the December 31 1933 (including the sum of \$150,801.58 brought forward from the previous year) amounted to \$1,201,920.97. After charging \$401,670.92 for Depreciation and effecting on the August 4 1933, the payment of an Interim Dividend of 4 per cent, absorbing \$200,000,000, there remains the sum of \$600,250.05, which the Board recommend be appropriated as follows:—

To payment of a Final Dividend of 80 cents per share on Old Fully Paid-up shares (making 12 per cent. for the year) \$400,000.00
To Transfer to General Reserve (bringing same up to \$425,000) 50,000.00
Carry forward to next Account 150,250.05
\$400,250.05

BRITISH TEXTILES AND INDIA

Seeking Comprehensive Agreement.

SECRETARY FOR INDIA TO CONSULT VICEROY

London, To-day. Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for India, was asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether negotiations had yet been commenced between the Governments of Great Britain and of India for a comprehensive trade agreement extending the principles of the Ottawa Agreement to include all textiles.

It was stated in reply that the matter is under consideration. As the first step the Government of India are seeking to obtain legislative authority for the Bombay-Lancashire Agreement.

The Secretary of State will then consider, in consultation with the Viceroy, how this and other matters may be related to the Ottawa settlement. — British Wireless Service.

REPORT OF ARMED ROBBERY.

Money Changer Alleges Loss Of \$1,351.

POLICE DOUBTFUL OF CREDIBILITY

In a report made to the police yesterday, Tong Yiu Leung, a Chinese money changer living at 303 Laichikok Road, claims to have been robbed of \$1,351 in bank notes by three men armed with revolvers who, he alleges, attacked him in Nam Cheong Street, Laichikok, at 8 o'clock last night.

He stated that he was left in charge of his father's money changer's shop at 103 Laichikok Road and was taking the money home for safe-keeping in case of fire.

He police consider the report to be of an extremely doubtful nature.

HARBOUR RESCUES YESTERDAY.

Attempted Suicide.

ACCIDENTAL FALL FROM FERRY STEAMER

A Chinese clerk of the Kwong Wah Hospital, Chiu Yuen-chuen, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by jumping into the harbour from the Yaumatei ferry boat Man Lee. He was rescued by a seaman named Ng Pak, from the steam launch Lee On, and taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of immersion.

A Chinese, Ip Ling, who was travelling on the ferry boat Man Pak to Yaumatei yesterday, accidentally fell overboard from the third class section, but was rescued by a seaman named Chan Sze, who dived from another ferry-boat, the Man Chuen. He was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

NIGHT FRACAS IN WANCHAI

Sailor Charged With Striking Woman.

STORY OF EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES

Jack Shaw, a stoker of H. M. S. Orpheus was charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning with assaulting Li Yee, a Chinese woman, in Hennessy Road, Wanchai, at about midnight yesterday.

Thomas Newman, Master-at-Arms, who was in charge of the naval picket yesterday, said that he took the defendant into custody at Wanchai, as he was being pursued by a Chinese woman, who was covered in blood, and by a crowd of about 30 Chinese. He was with three other sailors at the time.

Complainant declared that defendant struck her in the mouth for no reason.

Shaw admitted that he did strike her but said that it was not done intentionally. The woman interfered with him and asked him if he wanted a girl. He ignored her the first time but she followed and pestered him until he told her to "beat it" and made as if to give her a back-hander, though he did not mean actually to strike her. He had taken a few drinks prior to the incident and was out for a stroll before turning in.

The three sailors who accompanied Defendant gave evidence to the same effect.

Sub-Inspector Baker, Inspector in charge of brothels, said that the woman was known to the police as a prostitute and an amah to prostitutes.

Mr. Hamilton, in convicting, said that defendant had no business to strike the woman. He accepted his story, however, in extenuation. If he had had no reason for striking the woman he would have got into very serious trouble, added the Magistrate.

Mr. Hamilton ordered defendant to pay \$2 as compensation, adding that as it seemed that he had a very good character and would be dealt with on board his ship, he would only caution him.

HEAVY PENALTIES FOR SOLICITING.

Six Wanchai Men Gaoled

Six Chinese, including four rickshaw coolies, were charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning with soliciting sailors on behalf of prostitutes at Wanchai.

All were convicted and in all but one case fine of \$100, in default three months' hard labour, were imposed.

In the sixth case, that of a man who had only recently been sent to Canton as a bad character, accused was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

WEATHER REPORT

Fine, with moderate north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued to-day by the Royal Observatory.

Today's Short Story.

THE SWORD-SWALLOWER MURDER

By Ellis Parker Butler.

PHILO GUBB, paper-hanger and detective, who had taken the Correspondence Course in Twelve Easy Lessons supplied by the Rising Sun Detective School, pushed his way closer to the platform in the side show of the great Rumbold Brothers' Circus and gawked at Tlom-Tlom, the Fiji Island Scorpion Eater. Tlom-Tlom was not eating scorpions at the moment; the lecturer was orating at the other side of the tent, telling how wonderful Zozo, the beautiful snake-charmer, was.

As Philo Gubb, who was a gawky as a flamingo and resembled one, stared at Tlom-Tlom, a fussy little man pushed up behind him. He was Dr. Mullick, a local physician.

"He's a fake; nobody can eat live scorpions," the doctor declared.

"He couldn't unless he drank down a quart of insect poison into his stomach first to drown the scorpion to death in," Philo Gubb agreed.

"That would kill him," said Dr. Mullick. "He's a fake. All these freaks are fakes. They can't fool me. These aren't scorpions—they're crawfish I'd eat one myself—I'd eat a dozen."

"Boss," said Tlom-Tlom, speaking quite good English, "you is one of dese smart guys—but he was interrupted by a piercing scream. On the platform across the tent the beautiful Zozo was standing with both hands pressed against her face while she looked down with horror at Orrin McDowd, the sword-swallower, who was writhing in a death agony. Even as a scream after scream issued from Zozo's mouth Orrin McDowd ceased writhing and lay inert and dead.

The vast crowd that had been watching the sword-swallower give his performance a moment before, pushed closer. Those who had been entering or leaving the tent ran to see what was happening. Every uniformed attendant ran to the scene of the sudden death, and Philo Gubb strode across the intervening space, closely followed by Dr. Mullick. The giant picked up the dwarf and held him on his shoulder so that both could see, and the Wild Man of Borneo in his excitement grasped his tom-tom and began beating upon it madly, dancing high and chanting the Borneo death-song.

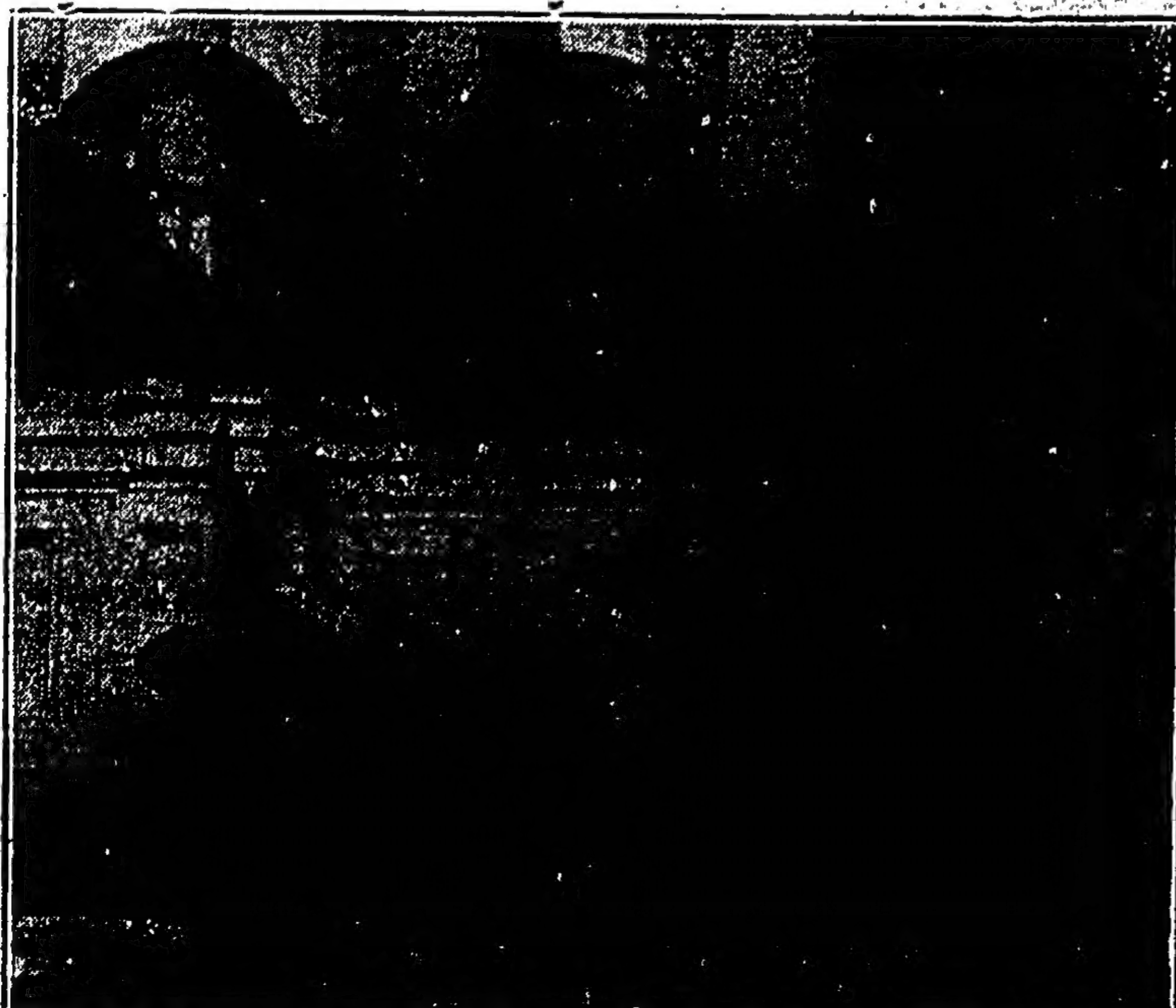
"Keep back! Keep back!" the attendants shouted, pushing at the crowd. "Snake loose! Poison

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Seven convicted murderers, who were waiting to be shipped to one of the penal colonies, have made a daring escape from prison at Algrace do Sal, a village near Lisbon. After sawing through the iron bars of their cell window, they made a rope of their bed clothing and were about to climb out when their warder, an elderly man, entered.

He was immediately overpowered and tied to one of the beds but before escaping the man placed in his hands a card on which they had written "you call us murderers but we were too generous to kill this warder." — Reuter.

DOLLFUSS MAY DELAY APPEAL

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On that occasion Sir John Simon said, "The policy of His Majesty's Government is and remains directed towards doing all that we can by our influence and by our advice, to sustain the integrity and independence of Austria. We maintain most strictly the only wise rule that it cannot be any part of our business to interfere with the internal Government of another country; but at the same time the independence and safety of Austria are essential to the object to which British policy is directed." — British Wireless Service.

FRENCH QUOTA POLICY.

Discussion During Ten Days' Truce.

London, To-day. Discussions between the British and French Governments in regard to France's new quota policy are still proceeding. Lt.-Colonel D. J. Colville Parliamentary Secretary for Overseas Trade, replying for the President of the Board of Trade to a House of Commons question, said that it was to permit of such discussion that the French Government were allowed 10 days before the British Government adopted retaliatory measures. — British Wireless Service.

HOME FOOTBALL.

(Results on page one.)

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TABLE TO DATE

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	27	20	7	0	0	0	57
Brentford	27	14	8	0	0	0	43
Port Vale	27	14	9	4	0	0	38
Bolton	26	14	10	2	0	0	38
Plymouth	27	11	8	5	0	0	30
Bury	27	11	9	8	0	0	29
Sheff. Wed.	27	11	9	5	0	0	29
Blackpool	27	11	8	7	0	0	29
Bradford	27	10	10	1	0	0	27
Fulham	27	11	8	5	0	0	27
West Ham	26	9	9	8	0	0	25
Oldham	26	9	10	7	0	0	25
Southampton	26	10	11	5	0	0	25
Bradford C.	27	11	10	5	0	0	25
Hull	26	10	10	6	0	0	24
Barnley	27	10	12	4	0	0	24
Nottingham	27	9	12	6	0	0	24
Sheff. F.	26	8	12	6	0	0	22
Millwall	26	8	12	6	0	0	22
Swansea	27	6	13	10	0	0	22
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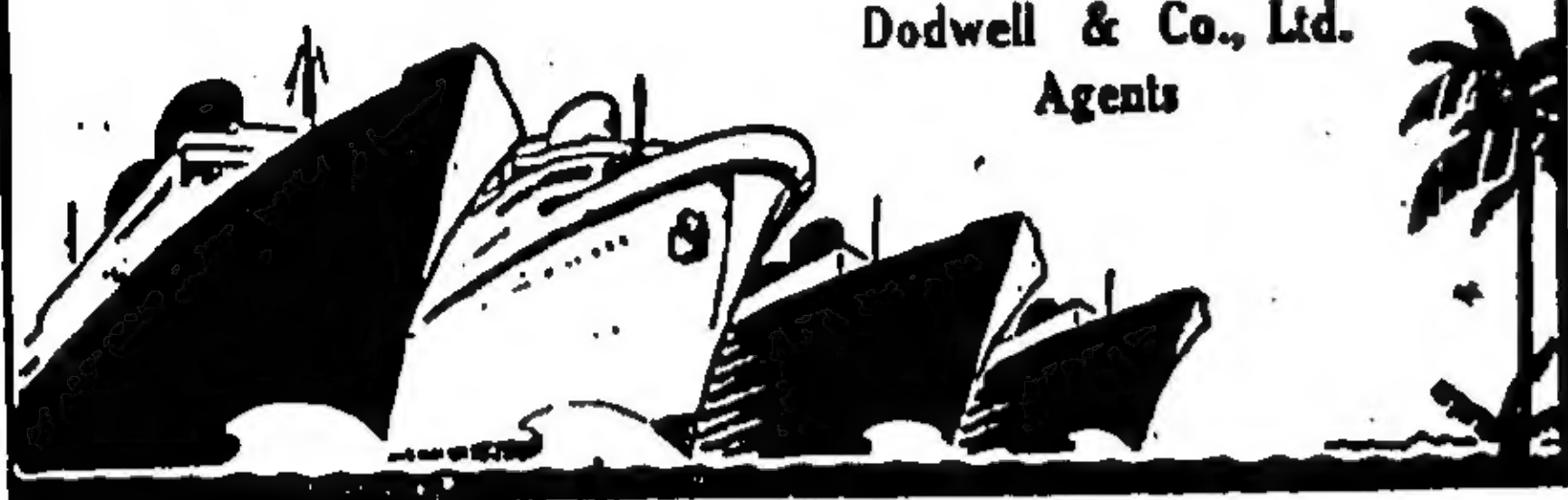
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The Sword-Swallower Murder

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Under the platform was a chest, painted blue, with the words "O. McDowd, Rumford Bros. Shows," in black. This was evidently the sword-swallower kept his swords, saws and other articles used in his act. To the right, under the next section of the platform, was another similar chest, also painted blue, but the lettering on this was "Samson, Rumford Bros. Shows." This was evidently the property of the strong man, whose seat had been next to that of the sword-swallower.

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Sued by Duke



Because she rebuked him in a magazine article, Lady Sibell Lygon, 26-year-old daughter of the Earl of Beauchamp, is being sued for damages in London by the Duke of Westminster, who is her uncle, Lady Sibell, who is a Socialist, chided the wealthy duke for spending too much money in France, while Britons are hungry.

The little doctor stopped to take breath.

"If you want to know," he declared, glaring at Mr. Gubb, "I said crowbar because a crowbar killed this McDowd. The last thing he thrust down his throat was a crowbar. It pushed his stomach against his heart and killed him. That's all there is to it. The next thing you'll be finding a yellow hair and yelping, 'A yellow hair! Murder has been done! You're a fool!'"

"Into a murder case where a yellow hair was a clue," said Mr. Gubb gently, "it might be possibly a chance that I would say, 'Hal A yellow hair!' but into this case I would not utter the exclamation of those words, because I do not see any yellow hair except on to the of Miss Zozo, where yellow hair ain't a clue but an ornamentation. Into this case, Dr. Mullick, what I say is, 'Hal A cake of ice; may be murder has been done.'"

"Cake of ice!" exclaimed the doctor, looking at Mr. Gubb as if the paper-hanging detective had suddenly gone insane. "What are you talking about?"

The snake-charmer, who had been weeping quietly, looked up as the dispute between Dr. Mullick and Mr. Gubb reached this point. The tattooed man, who sat at the far side of Miss Zozo, bent forward to look at Mr. Gubb. The strong man gave Mr. Gubb his attention. All the circus people came closer and stared at him, and the manager of the side-show, Mr. Culkin of the long moustache, pushed forward.

"What kind of a detective are you, talking nonsense like this?" he asked.

"I'm a real detective," said Mr. Gubb simply, throwing open his coat to show the large badge awarded him by the Rising Sun Correspondence School. "I have also likewise into my pocket a diploma proving the same."

That's the kind of detective you are, is it? One of these smart aleck rubes. "Twelve lessons, twenty dollars"—is that it? You're one of the guys that smell a murder every time you stub your toe on a brick, ain't you?"

"It wasn't a brick I stubbed my toe on to," said Philo Gubb patiently. "It was a chunk of ice."

"Brick or ice," said Mr. Culkin. "You go, Mr. Smart-aleck," and he was about to order two of his men to throw Mr. Gubb out of the tent, when a black-haired little man garbed in a white jacket spoke up. He was the man in charge of the lemonade stand just inside the side-show tent's entrance.

"Wait a minute, boss," he said. "Maybe this guy's got something. This morning I miss a cake of ice from my stand, see? Ten is what I ordered and I had nine, huh?"

He turned to Philo Gubb. "What you know about my ice, sport?"

Mr. Gubb looked at the small dark man with eyes that hardly saw him. He was thinking. "It might be jealousy," he said.

"Hey? Jealousy?" exclaimed the lemonade man. "What's that got to do with my cake of ice?"

"My brain was thinking out a thought," explained Mr. Gubb. "A crime has got to have a motive into it and by a possible chance jealousy might be the motive of this murder."

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IMPRESSIONS OF LEADING FAR EAST PUBLICIST

That the attention of the United States is turning to the Pacific and the Orient and that Hong Kong and the entire Far East will share in the increased tourist trade during this year, is the opinion of Mr. James King Steele, executive secretary of the Philippine Tourist Association, who has arrived in the Colony on the "President Lincoln," en route to his home in Manila. He is returning from an extended visit to America, during part of which he was in charge of the tourist exhibit of the Philippine Islands at the Century of Progress Exhibition in Chicago.

He also made a contact tour and survey of conditions in the principal cities of the United States and Canada, where he conferred with the steamship agents, booking offices and others interested in developing the tourist business to the Orient.

According to Mr. Steele, the American public is reacting favourably to the call of the Pacific and the Far East. The low camera fares quoted by the trans-Pacific and round-the-world lines, coupled with increased advertising appropriations by nearly all the transportation companies and booking offices, are partly responsible for arousing this interest, and steamer reservations are heavy for months ahead.

One of the features of the exhibit of the Philippine Islands in Chicago was a large map of the world done in ray colours, showing Hong Kong and the countries of the Asian mainland in relation to the Philippine Islands. "This was the only map of its kind in the whole Exposition," said Mr. Steele "and the interest that it aroused was immense. The discussions of the geography of the Pacific and the deep study and remarks made by visitors indicated clearly how keenly people were considering the Far East."

"The demand for printed matter and information about the Philippine Islands and the whole Far East was tremendous and exceeded all our estimates."

"Manila will loom large in the Pacific in the next two years, for the Manila Rotary Club has invited the International Pacific Rotary Conference to hold its 1935 meeting there, and this will attract many visitors, who will also visit Hong Kong. We hope that the Rotary Club will plan to send as large a delegation as possible to this important meeting."

"Another great international convention which will be of immense benefit to all countries of the Pacific littoral will be the International Eucharistic Conference, which will be held in Manila in 1936. Both of these meetings will bring thousands of travellers across the Pacific and the movement will be of material advantage to all parts of the Far East."

Mr. Steele is well known in China and all over the world. For more than 20 years he has been associated with the promotion of tourist travel across the Pacific. He was the founder, publisher and editor of the magazine, "Japan," is the dean of publicists and writers specialising on the development of tourist traffic, and has done much to improve relations and increase better understanding between the East and the West.

For his work in Chicago, Mr. Steele was awarded the Century of Progress Commemorative Medal, which was struck off by the Fair officials to be presented to distinguished visitors such as General Balbo, the Italian aviator, Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless, ambassadors and other prominent dignitaries.

While in Hong Kong Mr. Steele will confer with steamship officials, tourist booking offices and hotel people for the increase of business between here and Manila. The exchange is favourable at this time, which should bring a number of visitors during the coming months. Under these conditions it is expected that the attractions of Baguio, the most and health center of the Orient, with its delightful cool climate all the year round, will influence many of our residents who formerly went to the Chinese coast resorts to spend their holidays there.

Christmas In Exile.



Avon, France. The Spanish Royal Family journeyed from their exile retreat in Fontainebleau, near here, to attend Christmas Eve-midnight services in the tiny parish church in this village. The occasion made possible the first photograph of the former rulers of Spain, and their children since their abdication and departure from their homeland. Ex-King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain are seated, and the Princesses Maria Christina and Beatrice are seen kneeling with their prayer books. The Princes Don Jaime and Don Gonzales are hidden beyond their mother.

The Sword-Swallower Murder

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"If it was a murder," laughed the manager. "It's dead sure nobody would murder McDowd for his money. He hadn't any. He was overdrawn three weeks of his salary and he owed me ten dollars on a bet. He never had a cent. Him and Zozo there would have got married long ago if Mac could have saved any money."

"And now he's dead!" moaned Miss Zozo rocking back and forth. "Betting, that was his curse," said Culklin. "A betting fool, that was McDowd. He lost every time." "Not always," said the tattooed man, leaning forward to speak past Miss Zozo. "He won one. Maybe the surprise of winning was too much for him and he dropped dead of shock."

"Nonsense!" declared Dr. Mullick, who never saw a joke. "It was his heart. Weak heart and swallowing a crowbar."

"That was what he bet about," said the tattooed man. "He bet he could swallow two feet of crowbar. He did, too."

Miss Zozo now wept tumultuously, her grief renewed by the words of the tattooed man, and he put his hand comfortingly on her arm. Mr. Gubb turned to him.

"Pardon the impertinence of asking you this query," he said to the tattooed man, "but are you possibly by chance in love with Miss Zozo?"

"I am, indeed," said the tattooed man. "Everybody in the tent knows that—and who wouldn't? She's a sweet girl, she is. Why, even the snakes love her."

"But you didn't hate Mr. McDowd sufficiently enough to murder him, did you?"

"McDowd? Why, mistar, he was my best friend. And do I look like a murderer? Listen, friend—how would I murder him?"

Mr. Culklin, grinning, poked the men named Joe in the ribs. "Listen to this, Joe," he said. "It is going to be good. Listen to the rube Sherlock Holmes do his stuff, and die laughing."

But Philo Gubb was now standing before Miss Zozo, the beautiful snake charmer. She wiped her eyes and waited for his questions.

"There is a ring on to your finger," said Philo Gubb. "I notice it is into the form of a wedding ring."

At this Miss Zozo's tears increased. She turned the ring around and around, twisting it nervously.

"I'll tell you the truth," she sobbed. "It is a wedding ring. I married Orrin yesterday. I have some money, even if he never had any, and we had waited so long—"

"Was you on the spot when your husband, Mr. McDowd, made his last final fatal bet, Miss Zozo?" Philo Gubb asked, and Mr. Culklin nudged Joe again.

"Over you can't swallow two feet of a crowbar," and of course Orrin could. He could swallow two feet of anything—just anything. Umbrellas—he swallowed one for me one time. He was wonderful—just wonderful."

At this she broke into such stormy weeping that she could say no more, and Philo Gubb turned away from her.

"It is probably most likely," he said to Mr. Culklin, "that Sheriff Witz of this county is into the big tent seeing the show on a free ticket, and into the reserved seats. Inform him he is wanted to arrest the guilty murderer that done this crime. And," he added, "for the present meanwhile do not allow the tattooed gentleman to leave this tent."

"Me!" exclaimed the tattooed man. "You don't mean me, do you?"

"I said you," said Philo Gubb. It was but a few minutes before Mr. Culklin, still grinning, returned with Sheriff Witz. From his hip the sheriff took a large pistol and, having examined it carefully, approached Mr. Gubb.

"What's all this?" he asked. "Who do you want arrested?"

Mr. Gubb turned and pointed his long fore-finger at Samson, the strong-man.

"Arrest that man for the murder of Mr. McDowd," he said.

To the surprise of everyone but Philo Gubb himself, the strong-man uttered an oath and leaped from the platform. A dozen arms grasped him and pinioned him to the sawdusty ground. It was a tough struggle, but no strong man is as strong as he pretends to be, and at last he was subdued.

"I give up," he gasped. "I confess. I did it."

In another minute he was bound, ropes being plentiful.

"My stars, Gubb," exclaimed Dr. Mullick, "how did you guess?"

"Into the detective business we do not guess," said Philo Gubb sternly. "You gave me the first clue, doctor, when you said every freak into this tent was a fake. Joe, hand me one of them chains Mr. Samson breaks into the show. One link is sawed almost through, and plastered with lead. Hand me one of them crowbars Mr. Samson bends over his arm—lead, not iron. And hallowed out. Kindly crawl down under here."

"The asp may be there," said the doctor, drawing back.

"It positively isn't," said Mr. Gubb, and he raised the drape, and crawled under the platform, followed by most of those in the tent.

"My ice! There it is!" cried the lemonade man.

"Into which an up and down grove is melted," said Philo Gubb. "And now look upwards above your heads. You will observe the sight of a hole cut through the platform."

"But what does that mean?" asked Mr. Culklin.

"It means the explication of this murder," said Mr. Gubb. "The motive was jealousy, because Mr. Samson wanted to marry Miss Zozo. To murder Mr. McDowd to death he stole an Amazon asp out from Miss Zozo's case, and the coils of ice from this gentleman."

"But why? Why the ice? demanded Dr. Mullick.

"Because into the hollow crowbar he put the asp, head down, and shoved the end of the crowbar down through that hole and against the ice."

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Mr. T. C. Buckley, of Quarry Point, who was summoned at the Central Police Court this morning for reckless driving at North Point, was stated by Inspector Nicol to have knocked down a Chinese coolie outside the Yacht Club.

Mr. Buckley said that he was driving behind a tram-car at the time and accidentally put his foot on the accelerator instead of the brake. The car swerved to the left and struck the coolie.

Inspector Nicol said that Mr. Buckley had given the coolie \$4 as compensation.

A fine of \$10 was imposed.

NARROW ESCAPE OF WOMAN AND BABY.

Knocked Down By Car
But Unhurt.

While private car No. 116, belonging to Mr. T. A. G. Brayfield, was proceeding along Connaught Road West at about 11.10 a.m. on Saturday, at a speed of about 16 miles an

RECKLESS DRIVING DENIED.

Charge Against Mr.
D. L. Prophet.

CASE ADJOURNED

Prosecuting Mr. D. L. Prophet, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, for driving in a reckless manner in Pokfulam Road on January 24, Traffic Sergeant Winslade, at the Central Police Court this morning, said that he saw the defendant travelling at 43 m.p.h. on the Pokfulam Road going toward Aberdeen. He took every corner on the wrong side, added the officer.

The defendant, pleading not guilty, said that he did not think he was travelling at the speed alleged and in his own opinion, considering the condition of the road, he was not driving dangerously.

Mr. Hamilton, the Magistrate, adjourned the case until Friday, adding that he would visit the part of the road named.

hour, a woman with a child strapped to her back suddenly ran out into the road.

The front nearside mudguard of the car caught her, knocking her down; but both she and the infant, on examination, were found to be unhurt.

WOMEN SOLDIERS IN SOVIET

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Soviet Russia's battalions of women soldiers are undergoing strenuous training in the general drive to weld the Red Army into a more efficient fighting unit.

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Military authorities keep the number of their women fighters a strict secret, but it is fairly well-known that there are several battalions of infantry, artillery and sappers composed entirely of women.

Recently a cavalry regiment was organised of women who ride like Cossacks, but their duties are more in the line of Red Cross work than actual fighting.

The military aviation corps has several famous women pilots. One is a former Moslem girl with braided hair who ran away from her home in the Caucasus to escape from wearing a veil and entering a harem.—Reuter.



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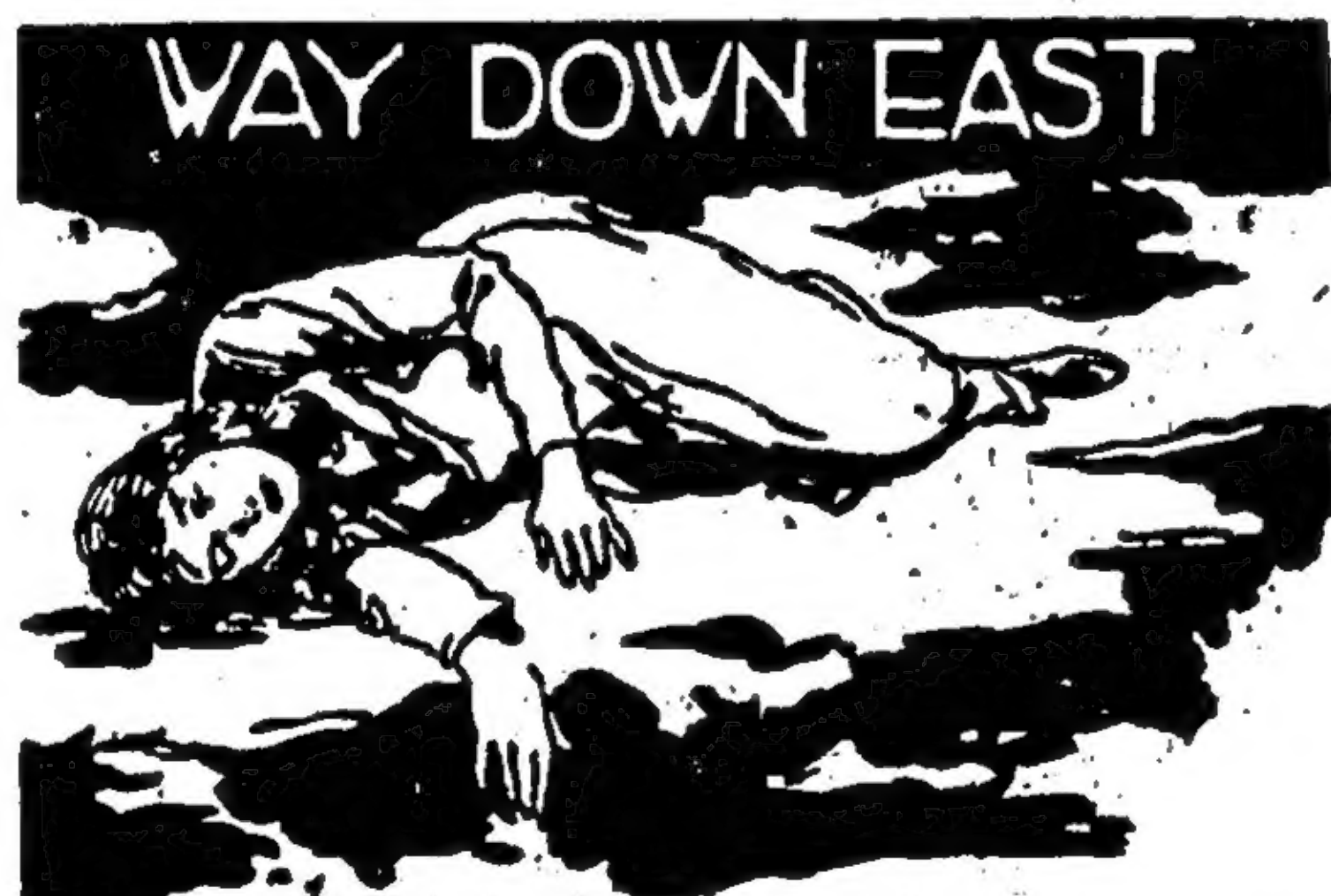
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